

1896 DIARY  
of  
HENRY TOLER BROWN

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HENRY TOLER BROWN DIARY, 1896

SYBIL BROWN WILKINSON GAVE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION AND EXPLANATION OF THE ENTRIES IN THE DIARY WHICH HER FATHER WROTE IN 1896.

1. Henry Brown's mother, Catherine Toler, died in childbirth in southern California leaving a newborn baby, Henry age two, and an older sister. Henry's father was Lansford Hastings and a brother of Laura Hastings, Warren Brown's wife. At the mother's death, Warren and Laura took all three of the children. The newborn baby died, the older sister died at age 11 years, and Henry Toler was adopted by the Warren Browns.

2. Henry's family, mentioned so often in the diary, lived in Elam Brown's home on Hough Ave. where Sybil was born. The family:

Annie Willebrand Brown - Henry's wife  
Estella - age 15 years  
Lloyd - age 10 years    Died at age 29 years of meningitis  
Chester - age 6 years    Died at age 11 of a burst appendix after an operation on the kitchen table  
Sybil - age 3 years

3. Auntie, for whom Henry did the ranch work, was Laura Brown his mother by adoption. At Warren Brown's death in 1889, Henry quit law school in San Francisco to come home to care for Laura. Her ranch was 650 acres located along Brown Avenue and up the hill beyond Deer Hill Road.
4. The grandmother in Oakland that the family visited was Annie's mother, Grandma Willebrand.
5. The Byron mentioned with family problems was Byron Hastings, Laura's relative.
6. The big party for Stella on September 3 was celebrating her sixteenth birthday.
7. The many notations about "Jack" in Oakland refers to Jack Green, a cousin of Henrys. He often staid<sup>ye</sup> overnight there and had many meals there on his trips to Oakland.

8. The creamery was located in Walnut Creek.
9. Workmen who did chores and farm work for Henry were: George Ware, Lee Isaacs, "Bum" Lamp, and Bill Chiddy.
10. Temescal, mentioned as a stopping place on the way home from Oakland where the horses were shod and wagons mended, was a little village between Oakland and Berkeley. It may have been near the present Lake Temescal just before the long pull up the grade of Fish Ranch Road to Lafayette.
11. The "old church" mentioned for storing hay was located on the corner of Oakland Ave. and Mt. Diablo Blvd. where the bank is now. The "brothers and sisters" in the diary were of the Seventh Day Adventist Church, of which Henry was a member. Sybil said it was a fairly large building and when it was not in use , Henry stored hay in it.



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Wednesday January 1  
Clear and cold

Sowed wheat on hill in front field, old seeder broke down, had to get Thomson's seeder.

Thursday 2  
Foggy and cold

Lee finished sowing front field...two hill sides East of house and orchard at Ranch.  
Loaded wagon with hay to go to town. 14 bales from orchard.

Friday 3

Went to town with Lee on load of hay. Sold hay to Osgood, \$9.00 per ton. Paid check on California Bank. Bought 9 sacks wheat, \$1.20 per 100, of Bay City Mills, 1/4 ton rolled barley for Auntie, wheat 1238 lbs.

Saturday 4  
Clear and cold

Annie & I went to Oak. ch B. for S. and L for Stella.

Sunday 5  
Clear and ice.

I went down to Oakland in buggy for Miss Crowley. George finished harrowing front field.

Monday 6  
Clear and frost

Put 12 new teeth in harrow. Started 3 teams & plows on Auntie's land. Lee, B..... & George cut up hog for Auntie.

Tuesday 7  
Cloudy Cold

Lloyd & I went in pasture hunting. Killed rabbit, fixed fence between me and Fred Easton.

Wednesday 8  
Cloudy Cold

Sowed Auntie's hill & harrowed in afternoon by Lee. Nailed up barn & fence Lloyd shot 5 yellow hammers &



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Thursday 9  
Clear Cold

Annie & I went to Oakland in cart with Nell. Got dress for Annie.  
Lee finished sowing Auntie's field, Grant & Lee harrowed.  
Lee helped load hay to take to Oakland - 15 bales.

Friday 10  
Cloudy Warmer

Went down with load hay to Osgood, \$9.00 - 15 bales.  
Lloyd went with me. Got him a hat, had his hair cut.  
Got silk for Auntie's dress.

Saturday 11  
Cloudy Warm

Set white hen on 14 eggs.  
Paid George 50¢.

Sunday 12  
Cloudy Warm

Chester and I took Miss Crowley to Oak. Chester had his hair cut.  
Baker paid \$10.00 on hay.  
Chester and I stopped at Aunt H 's.  
Set another white hen on 14 eggs.

Monday 13  
Rain Warm

Men plowed in forenoon only.  
Mrs. helped Annie wash.  
Had 2 shares sharpened.  
Settled with Shreve, owed him 95¢.

Tuesday 14  
Rainy Warm

Went out in the pasture to get horses out of Elam's. Fixed gap in fence down next to Dore.  
Hen in cow barn went to setting.

Wednesday 15  
Showery Warm

Reading library book, "He Fell in Love with his Wife".  
Annie is sewing for Sybil, making gingham aprons.  
Annie made lemon and apple pies for dinner and supper.

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Thursday 16  
Stormy Warm

Bought strychnine & coffee of Shreve.  
Paid Bum Lamp \$5.40 - amount in full due him for plowing.  
Annie made Sybil a little wrapper.  
Children took their lunch to school today, it was so rainy.

Friday 17  
Stormy Warm

Mixed poison for squirrels.  
Children took lunch to school again.  
I got dinner. Auntie was up here in afternoon.  
George cut tree in grove for fireplace wood for Auntie.

Saturday 18  
Rainy Warm

Children had Sabbath school down at Auntie's.

Sunday 19  
Stormy Warm

Lee got bale hay.  
All to ride in wagon to the ranch.  
Began raining in evening and rained all night.  
Creeks overflowed their banks - everything flooded.  
George cut gum tree for fireplace wood for me.

Monday 20  
Rainy Warm

Went to Ranch to turn water out of the field where Lee lives. Field all flooded.  
Maud Yager came to work for board & clothes.  
Made molasses candy.  
Got shoe put on Jim.

Tuesday 21  
Showery Warm

Took Stella to school in cart.  
Dug ditches and turned water in flat above house at Ranch.  
Cleaned horses, greased buggy and got ready to go to town next day.

Wednesday 22  
Cloudy Cold

Annie, Stella and I went to Oakland in spring wagon.  
Stella took music lesson of Mrs. Thover. Came down town on car, had her fillings in teeth polished. Annie had her teeth cut down.



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Thursday 23

Clear Cold

Lee and I went out in pasture after horses in Elam's in afternoon. Got out 4 cows and bull. Didn't get the horses.

In forenoon I got 2 cows out of Rutherford's and straightened up the fence.

Easton's men were resetting the fence between him and me.

Friday 24

Cloudy Warm

Took ton hay (8 bales) to Hadley, at \$8.00 for ton.

In afternoon Lee and I went out after horses in Elam's pasture. Drove the horses to Elam's ranch. Caught Jesse in corral, let him back. Drove the others. Had a terrible time getting them home. Tied Jesse in the barn, put Brid and Chick in the field.

Saturday 25

Rain Warm

Went up to Ranch with 2 sacks hay, and fed Jesse.

Worked 2 hours on ditch, to keep the water from running over field where Lee lives.

In evening Lloyd and I went up to Ranch and watered Jesse and fed him.

Sunday 26

Flood High south wind Warm

Lloyd and I went to ranch horseback, fed Jesse; shot bird the Baker. Went up in pasture on ridge, wind blew a gale, and straightened up fence. Tried to drive Blaze colt back, but could not. Drove Chick over to barn to where Jesse was. Nailed up gate. After dinner rolled bales hay in barn to dry place. Rained very hard. Water all over the place. Ducks gone.

Monday 27

Rainy Warm

Ducks all right. Took Stella and Lloyd to school in cart. Went up with 2 sacks hay for Jesse. Lee got bale hay and sacks to fill with dirt to dam the water in front of his house. Hadley came up and paid for the hay. Annie started to braid a rug. Went after Stella after school in cart. Went up and watered Jesse. Drove 2 cows and calf out of field.



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Tuesday 28

Partly clear Warm

Took Stella to school. Got a peck of potatoes of Shreve.  
110 lbs., \$1.10

Fixed fence in barn lot by bridge till noon. Auntie came to help Annie on her rug. After lunch Chester and I went out to pasture on Pet and Fred. Took up Blaze. Turned her out with her colt. Lloyd's cow with broken horn had a bull calf. Turned Jersey and Chick out in pasture.

Wednesday 29

Clear north wind cold

Put out poison at ranch. George made small drain to turn water up at barn.

Got 2 shoes put on Nell behind. Scalded out hens roosts. Paid George \$5.00 on account.

Thursday 30

Clear Warm

Annie and I went to Oakland. Got shoes half-soled, got price carpet for rug. Sold 3 doz. eggs, 18¢ per doz. in trade. Went down to Grandma's and down to Jack's.

Friday 31

Partly cloudy Cold

Put out poison in .

Annie went over to school to see Miss Griffin about what she said to the boys.

Stella and I went to Oakland to Mr. Thom's for music lesson.

Got back home about 7 o'clock.

Saturday February 1

Clear Warm

Annie and I went to Martinez to Aunt Mary's. Saw  
about fence law.

Saw Elam about fence between he & I. Said he would come about Tuesday to the line.

Went to hotel for dinner.

Sunday 2

Clear Warm

George chopped tree, it fell on children's tree house. Annie & I went to Berkeley to Mr. King's, stayed until half past seven. Got home at half past eleven. Had a very pleasant time.

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Monday 3

Clear Warm in day Cold nights.

Put out poison for in forenoon, and in afternoon also, and rode over in pasture looking after horses and cattle.

Tuesday 4

Clear Warm

Lloyd and I went out in pasture on Nell and Fred to meet Elam and help him run the line. About twelve we had lunch, fed horses, talked till 3 o'clock when Elam went home. Lloyd and I went hunting. Killed rabbit, robin and yellow hammer. Got home about 6 o'clock. Mr. Wilson, the former E.M. pastor, had called. Jennie B. called in evening.

Wednesday 5

Clear Pleasant Warm

Took Mr. Wilson to Walnut C. in buggy with Nell & Jim. Birdie Yager came over to see. Took load hay (8 bales for ton) to Hadley. \$8.00. Got George to help me. Cleaned game, took off hen hatched in barn with 12 chicks. Brought down coops from ranch.

Thursday 6

Clear Cold North wind

Answered Rutherford's letter about fence. Spaded in garden. Had George wash the buggy and clean out the barn. Wrote to Belle Stevens.

Friday 7

Clear North wind Cold

Warm in the middle of the day. Aunt Lucinda came up from Auntie's. Stella and I went to Oakland for her music lesson. Sold 3 doz eggs 15¢ a doz. Went to Grandma's and called at Auntie's going in and on the way out but didn't find her in. Called at Mrs. Shreve's and got 50¢ she owed Auntie. Bro. Baker and Ruth came out on their wheels.

Saturday 8

Clear Frost Warm in the day

Had Bible reading down at Auntie's.



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Sunday 9

Clear Frost Warm in day

Mamma & I took ride in buggy up to Ranch.  
Took Stella and Ruth to Walnut Creek. Bro. Baker rode  
his wheel. After dinner took all the folks in the wagon  
for ride on the Oakland road. Took Ruth and her wheel  
to the summit. Got some ferns on the road home.

Monday 10

Fair Warm

Plowed with George in flat up at Ranch.  
Hadley paid 7.00 on hay.  
In afternoon Annie & children rode up in wagon to ranch.  
They got a mess of mustard greens.

Tuesday 11

Clear Warm

Annie & I went to Oakland. Took old carriage down to be  
fixed. Got 5 sacks barley to sow.  
Jack & a friend named Foster and Harold came out in cart  
and Dave's horse.

Wednesday 12

Clear Frost North wind

Went to Ranch to show George where to plow. Annie  
went to Walnut Creek with Baby and Harold. Jack and his  
friend went out hunting. They killed about 2 doz squirrels  
and rabbits and went home about 4 o'clock.  
Chester & I went in pasture, found Dora & spotted heifer  
with bull calves.

Thursday 13

Clear Frost North wind

Plowed in forenoon, sowed barley in lot in afternoon.  
George harrowed.  
Lloyd put out some poison wheat on hill side.  
Milt paid me \$1.00 that Hadley left for me.  
Annie set 2 hens on duck eggs.

Friday 14

Clear Warm North wind

George finished harrowing in forenoon. I helped George  
plow in afternoon.



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Saturday 15

Clear Warm North wind

Went down to Auntie's for a while, came home, cracked nuts, shaved, took bath, laid down till dinner.

Sunday 16

Clear Warm

All went up to the ranch. Auntie went with us. Fixed up old stove, made a table, had lunch. Lloyd went out hunting. Pruned the cherry trees and some others and we dug around them.

Put on load hay to go to town out of the old church. Hadley wanted load hay so did not go to town with hay. Children went down to Auntie's and made candy.

Monday 17

Clear Cold strong north wind

Lee came and got 2-horse wagon and took 3 bales hay to Hadley.

Old Mr. Hammette died at 3 o'clock this morning.

Wrote a letter to Bro. Baker.

Annie wrote to Carrie.

Went to Mrs. Holt's and got a lot of Rose bushes.

Planted roses after I got back.

Went to Revival meeting at church in evening.

Tuesday 18

Clear Warm north wind.

Went to town with load hay, sold to Gates for \$9.00.

Got gloves, curry comb & brush.

Gates paid \$2.00 on hay.

Wednesday 19

Clear Warm North wind

Finished planting Roses.

Took Hadley balance of ton of hay (5 bales). He paid me \$8.00 for hay.

Went to Mr. Hammette's funeral.

Put on load of hay out of barn.

Went to church in evening.

Thursday 20

Clear light frost warm N. wind

Did not go with load of hay. Plowed in yard with Barney and little garden plow. In afternoon went to Mrs. Holt's with Auntie, Annie and George and got 8 more roses. Planted the roses in evening. Went down to Auntie's for a while.

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Friday 21

Cloudy Light sprinkle, Warm

Did not go with hay. Put load in shed. Got a bale of Auntie's hay on spring wagon, took it to Oakland to Mrs. Wilkinsen. Annie & Stella went. Had lunch at Grandma's. Mollie went up town with us. Stella went out on car to take her music lesson. Paid Mrs. Thorn \$2.00 on Stella's lessons.

Got letter from Belle Stevens.

Saturday 22

Partly cloudy Warm

Annie & I went down to Auntie's for an hour.

Maud went home with her sister Frances.

Lloyd, Chester, and I went out in pasture to shoot old Fanner and he was already dead.

Annie set 2 hens on duck eggs.

Sunday 23

Clear Warm

Went to Martinez to Cemetery to plant roses on Uncle Warren's grave.

All went - took George to help.

Monday 24

Partly cloudy Warm

Took load hay to G.H. Baker. 15 bales, 3710 lbs.

He paid \$10.00 on hay.

Got home about 6 p.m.

Engaged a load at \$9.00 on Tyler Street to Mrs. Davis.

Tuesday 25

Clear Fog in Oak. Warm

Put on load hay, 16 bales from old Church.

Took it to Davis on Tyler St. for 2 tons at \$9.00 ton. Got the cash.

Left home at 8 o'clock got down by 11:30 a.m. Unloaded by 12. Ate lunch on way home up the hill.

Mr. Craig called to see about buying 5 acres land.

Went to church.

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Wednesday 26

Cloudy Foggy Warm

Got up at 4 o'clock to go with load hay. It began to sprinkle as I was going to load. Did not go down with hay. Did not rain. Cleaned the yard around outside. In afternoon pruned grape vines. Annie helped. We pruned 5 rows.

Thursday 27

Cloudy &amp; foggy &amp; warm

Did not go with hay. Annie & Auntie went to Oakland in buggy with Nell & Fred.

Sybil stayed with me. Set hen at barn on 12 eggs. Got some roots of Passion Vine over in Botter's lot. Got lunch. Baked bread.

Planted strawberries, sent 20 strawberry plants to Mr. Holt by Lloyd & Chester.

Friday 28

clear north wind cold

Planted garden peas, flowering peas, poppies, cosmos. Got Nell shod in front 2 shoes. In afternoon took Stella down to Oakland to take her music lesson. I went on into town, got sprinkling pot and brought out the old carriage. Gave an order on Gates for \$12.50.

Saturday 29

Showery North wind Cold

Children had Bible lesson down at Auntie's.

Lee came up and got butter. Said Hadley wanted 1/2 ton hay.

Sunday March 1

Partly cloudy North wind cold

Took 4 bales hay to Hadley.

Brought plow down from ranch for George to plow down at Auntie's.

Put up posters down at Lee's.

Pruned grape vines.

Hailed in the evening, very cold all day.

Monday 2

Snow cold rain cold

Read a while in forenoon. After lunch went down to Auntie's.



Tuesday 3

Snow Very cold

This morning when we got up everything was covered with snow two or three inches deep. Chester and I went to the Ranch on Nell and up in the pasture snow was 4 or 5 inches deep on the hill. Found Betsy's heifer had a calf - a heifer. It snowed and hailed on us before we got back home. Auntie came up and spent the evening helping Annie with her rug.

Wednesday 4

Snow & sunshine Very cold

This morning everything was covered with snow again, 2 or 3 inches deep. On the hills it was much deeper. We tried to make icecream with the snow. It only half froze. Cut down old peach trees by the Church.

Thursday 5

Showery with West wind Cold

Did chores, fixed fence. Afternoon went to Ranch. Went out in Pasture. Found Brown and White heifer with Red Bull calf.

Friday 6

Cloudy Cold

Annie & Sybil and I went to Oakland. Went to Dr. Walden and had 2 silver fillings put in teeth and one cement in front tooth. Annie called on Mrs. Ferish. Stella did not go for a lesson.

Saturday 7

Clear Warm

Lloyd, Chester and I went up to the ranch and out in the pasture. Could not find the Spotted heifer's calf. Went down to Dora's.

Stella, Maud and I went to Church in the evening.

Sunday 8

Clear Warm

Took 4 bales hay to Hadley.  
Took 1 bale to Lee Isaac.  
Plowed in yard, Lloyd plowed in lot.  
We all went to church in the evening.

Monday 9

Clear Warm

Annie & I went to Oakland in buggy. I had work done on teeth. Paid 8.50.

Gates paid balance due, 7.45.

Annie got 2 new dresses for herself & Stella.

Tuesday 10

Clear North wind Warm

Washed the old carriage.

Lloyd & I went to town to get barley to sow. Got 5 sacks 520 lbs \$4.20, 2 sacks seed potatoes \$1.70. Got Lloyd & Chester some shoes, Lloyd's \$2.00, Chester's 1.50. Stockings for Lloyd. Got dressing for old Carriage top, .75, washers.

Wednesday 11

Clear Warm

Got up at 3:30 A.M. Put on load of hay out of old Church and took it to Oakland to Portugee's. 16 bales 3700 lbs, 9.00 per ton. Got sack barley in Temescal. Brought home rest of Barley left at 4 mile house. Annie got some flowers of Mrs. Hough and chrysanthimums and verbinas and other flowers from Mrs. Bickerstaff.

Thursday 12

Clear Warm

Sowed barley up at Ranch in flat and two pastures on hill. Sowed 4 sacks. Lloyd harrowed till I got through sowing in afternoon, then I harrowed. At noon I dug up a bed for flowers in front of the house. Annie planted verbinas in it. Auntie had the walnut trees grafted to Persian Walnuts.

Friday 13

Clear Warm

Finished harrowing in Barley at Ranch in forenoon. Stella and I left at 20 minutes to two for Oakland. Stella took lesson. I went to the Dentist got teeth partly cleaned. Got 3 bottles Sarsparella. Changed paint for carriage. Got sack flour 1.00 - oranges, 2 doz for 10 cts. - candy - Rubiform. Got home about 9 p.m.

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Saturday 14

Foggy Warm

Ducks are hatching. Annie and I went down to Auntie's for an hour. Auntie came up in afternoon and we had Sabbath school. In evening paid Shreve \$3.55. Bill to date. Shreve paid me \$8.00 for Hadley for ton of hay. Got bottle strychnine. Girls and I went to revival meetings.

Sunday 15

Rainy Warm

Lloyd plowed in lot.  
I painted old carriage and enameled the top.  
Took off black hen with 14 ducks.  
Lee got bale hay.  
George plowed Auntie's front orchard.

Took bath in evening.

Monday 16

Showery Warm

Fixing on buggy and cart in forenoon.  
Afternoon went up to Jones Ranch to look at some cattle they thought might be . They were not .  
Got ready to go to town next day.

Tuesday 17

Clear Warm

Annie & I went to Oakland in buggy. Took Sybil. I had gold filling put in front tooth and finished cleaning, paid balance, \$2.00. \$7.50 in all for teeth.  
Got singletree, spokes & irons for spring wagon, stay-straps for carriage, carpet, anti-rattlers.  
Annie and Sybil stayed down to see Miss Crowley. Sybil swallowed 5 cts. Went to bank with bank book.

Wednesday 18

Cloudy Warm

Mixed poison with barley.  
Tinkered around and got lunch for the children.  
Chester was sick and did not go to school.  
Put bolts in buggy wheel. Put double trees on carriage and Lloyd painted them.



Thursday 19

Cloudy Warm

I went down in buggy with Jim & Nell for Annie and Sybil. On way home drove out to Mrs. Earl's in Berkeley. Got there about 3:30, stayed till after 11 o'clock P.M. and then came home by lantern light. Mr. King brought some Negro minstrel over from the city and they entertained us with songs and Banjo & violin music. Mrs. Earl gave us a buggy load of flowers to plant.

Friday 20

Cloudy Warm

Annie & I planted flowers all day that we got from Mrs. Earl's. Lloyd & Chester stayed at home from school in afternoon and helped us. Took off hen at barn with 8 little chicks.

Saturday 21

Cloudy Warm

Auntie came up but did not have Sabbath school as Grandma was sick and she could not stay long. Stella set the lace curtain on fire in her room and put it out with her hands, but did not get burnt.

Sunday 22

Showery Warm

Filled in down by the closet and got ground ready for the raspberry vines. Put in some posts for clothes lines, fixed the gate going out to the orchard with weights.

Monday 23

Cloudy & showery Warm

I went down to Mrs. Earl's after the raspberries and roses & flowers. Went in spring wagon. Got a load. Annie & Sybil went.

Tuesday 24

Cloudy Warm

Planted raspberries and roses. Laid boards around flower bed in front. Mrs. Osgood helped Annie wash.

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Cloudy Warm

Planted border of pinks filled in front bed. After dinner went in pasture on Fred. Drove up 3 calves to Ranch. Found red heifer in Elam's. Could not get her out. Susie had a calf, a bull and the wild heifer had a bull calf. Signed petition for Byron H. - pardon for his mother.

Raining this evening.

Thursday 26

Brought 1 front and 1 hind wheel to shop to have spokes put in.

Had 2 shoes put on Nell behind & Jim shod all round.

Tuesday 31

Clear North wind Cold

Took 2 calves to Oakland. Auntie went with me. Sold Lloyd's calf for \$8.45 and Auntie's for \$7.75, 6-3/4 cts and 6-1/2 cts per pound. Got paint for wagon, 1.40, pants 1.75, Groceries, flour, 1.00, peaches .75 per sack, can oil, .95. Lee plowed in orchard and got cans from Walnut Creek.

Saw Carrie and children in Oakland. Annie set 2 white hens 14 eggs each.

Wednesday April 1

Clear Heavy frost Cold

Took milk to Creamery 67 lbs.

Drove up the cows and had a time of it getting them into the corral.

Thursday 2

Clear Warm

Geo took milk to creamery 63 lbs, brought back can skimmed milk. I planted poppy seeds, sweet Williams and sweet pea seeds. Cut potatoes and Lee and George planted them, half sack. Early Rose and 3/4 sack Peerless, and sweet corn. Got up cows and killed Susie's calf and Baker heifer calf.

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Friday 3

Clear North wind Cool

George took milk 113 lbs.

Took 2 calves to Oakland, Annie's calf weighed 88 at 7 cts, \$6.16 and the other 71 at 6-1/2 cts \$4.61. Annie and Sybil stayed down to see Carrie.

Saw Baker, he promised bal \$28.00 Friday April 24.

Got a new hat.

Got beet seed for Auntie.

Saturday 4

Cloudy Cool

Geo took milk to Creamery 140 lbs.

Got another 10 gallon can.

Got old carriage ready to go to Oakland next day.

Stella, Lloyd, Chester & I went over to Millie Shreve's after supper.

All had baths before going to bed.

Lost the front door key.

Sunday 5

Rain 72 degrees

Milk to creamery 130 lbs.

Did not get up till 9 o'clock on account of rain.

Rained pretty much all day, still raining tonight.

Children made candy. I made out tax list.

Monday 6

Cloudy West wind cold

Stella &amp; I made cakes.

Milk to creamery 160 lbs.

Geo. helped me hang the outside front gate.

Lloyd, Chester & I went to Walnut Creek to see Geary.

Tuesday 7

Clear Cool

I went down to Oak. in buggy after Annie & Sybil.

Got 5 from Mr. Palmenteer to pay Frank Hough.

Wednesday 8

Cloudy Cool

Paid Carrie Hough 4.50 for Frank on hay rake.

Went to Walnut Creek to creamery to sell milk. Got

roll butter. George brought home roll for Auntie.

Got wringer and paint from Geary.



Thursday 9  
Rain Cold

Got Kate shod, turned out Bossy Jane & Fred.  
Put out poison in afternoon.  
Rained hard tonight and Friday morning.

Friday 10  
Clear Cool

Annie & I went over to Smith's for turkey eggs. Got 7 eggs for 25 cts. Geo. helped Keele fix fence. Took Stella to Oakland for her music lesson. Paid Mrs. Thorn for lessons up to date - 2.00 & 20 cts for song "Rosie Dean". Brought Carrie Mason out with us in buggy. Got keys for front door. Byron's wife jumped into the Bay.

Saturday 11  
Cloudy Cool

Carrie gave Stella and Annie face treatment.

Sunday 12  
Clear & Cloudy Cold

Hitched to the wagon & took all the folks to Martinez Cemetery. Auntie went. Took lunch. Carrie Mason went. Found the roses all growing nicely. Millie & Winnie Stevens called in the evening.

Monday 13  
Foggy & Cloudy West wind Cold

Went up to Ranch and helped George build fence. Worked on fence in afternoon till it rained and had to come home. Showering all afternoon. Took up coil wire from Carrie Hough brought over. Receipt for 4.50 paid on hay rake.

Tuesday 14  
Clear Northwest wind Cold

Took milk to creamery. George worked on fence. Afternoon went up with George and helped him on the fence. Got posts all set.

Wednesday 15  
Cloudy Hail & Rain Northwest wind Cold

I took milk to creamery. Got Lloyd pair shoes. When I got back went up to Ranch and helped George finish fence. Afternoon George & I went on the ridge and put maple posts in fence and nailed on wire. I went down in canyon and drove up bull and spotted heifer. They would not go through the gap and broke back down the ridge. It hailed and rained.

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Thursday 16  
Clear Cold'

Heavy frost this morning. George took milk and cut grass around the trees in orchard at Ranch. I put out poison barley in flat and got up Fred and Lee and I went out in Elam's pasture after some cows of mine. Got out 2 red cows. Tried to drive up bull from Dore's but could not. Drove up old Brock with heifer calf. Drove 3 calves down to house from Ranch.

Friday 17  
Clear Forst Warmer

I took the milk and got flour, sugar & butter. George went for the calves that got out. He found two of them and fixed up the fence. I went for the other and could not find it. Did not get back till 1:30 p.m. After dinner hitched up to the buggy and saddled up Fred. Carrie rode Fred and the boys went with me in buggy. Found the calf at the Charles' Ranch. Drove it home.

Saturday 18  
Cloudy Frost Cold

Red bull came over from back pasture.

Sunday 19  
Clear Frost Cold

I went with milk. Lee got a roast at Walnut Creek. Worked in flower garden. After dinner went to Church. Carrie shaved me before going. In evening all went in carriage to Walnut Creek to Church.

Monday 20  
Clear Frost & Ice Cold

Ice this morning. 1/4 of an inch thick. Annie, Carrie, Chester, Sybil & I all went to Oakland in carriage. Got 15 at C.B. Gave G.M. \$5.00 to pay insurance. Annie got Stella white dress. Had Chester's shoes tips put in, .25, Stella's half soled, .40. Got keys for front door and clock and ball for Lloyd.

Tuesday 21  
Cloudy & Rainy Cold

Hoed in garden and planted some tomato plants. Afternoon it rained hard. Annie & Carrie worked all day on Spanish work for Sybil's dress.

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Wednesday 22  
Showery Cold

Worked on the wagon.  
Got clip at Shop and rub iron.  
In afternoon painted body of wagon & seats.  
Stormy all night.

Thursday 23  
Rain Stormy South wind Cold

Hens in the buggy shed hatching. Found hen setting in the tree on 11 eggs.  
Raining this afternoon. Annie is making Stella a white dotted swiss for May Day.  
Carrie is still working on Sybil's dress.  
Rained hard. Stormed all night. Thunder & lightning..

Friday 24  
Rain Stormy Cold

Got ready to go to Oakland. Left for Oakland at 1 o'clock. Got down 10 minutes to 3 p.m. Drew \$69 for taxes and etc. Baker paid \$20.00 on acc't. Annie got skirt for Stella. Cloth for coat for Sybil & bonnet for Sybil.

Saturday 25  
Rainy Cold

After lunch Lloyd & I went to Martinez in buggy to pay taxes.  
Rained on us going down.  
Showery all day.

Sunday 26  
Showery Cold

Afternoon painted wheels to wagon.

Monday 27  
Clear Frost Cool

Went to Creamery with milk. George worked on corral.  
Afternoon painted wagon another coat.  
Went up to Ranch in the evening.

Tuesday 28  
Clear Cool

I took milk to creamery. Got gallon buttermilk.  
Afternoon plowed garden spot.  
Washed the buggy.  
Bert Hastings came down from Tulare.



Wednesday 29  
Rain Cold

Sewed buttons on my overcoat. Cleaned it and darned.  
Afternoon upholstered the backs to the wagon seats.  
Painted the buggy wheels. Mended the fender on the carriage.

Thursday 30

Carrie went with me to Oakland. I went to City and got me a new suit at Raphael's - \$15.00. Got pointed shoes at Nolan's \$4.00.  
Got flowers at Baker's , and King's on .

Friday May 1  
Rain Cool

Went over to the picnic grounds about 10 o'clock.  
It rained so that everyone had to come home. I made two trips over and two trips back to carry the folks.  
Got a box of berries. Had our lunch at home, chicken, ice cream, etc. Took a short drive in carriage after dinner. Took me two hours to wash the carriage.

Saturday 2  
Clear Cool

Took milk to Creamery for the last time. The creamery shut down.  
Afternoon Lloyd & I went to Oakland to see about selling the milk.  
Could not sell it. Stayed all night at Jack's.  
Put horse up at Gates.

Sunday 3  
Rain Cool

Came home from Oakland. Annie was very sick this morning about 7 o'clock.  
Lloyd and I went over to Steven's for a while. Bert Hastings came back from his Ranch.

Monday 4  
Rainy Cool

Went to Martinez on Jury.  
Bert Hastings went with me. Found carpenter for Bert.  
Got receipt book from Assessor for Boardman. Bert took the 10:13 a.m. train for S.F. I got re-registered with the Assessor. Got excused at 11:30 a.m.  
Had lunch at Aunt Mary's. Started for home at 2 o'clock. Stopped at Walnut Creek. Got bill from creamery for milk from April 1 to May 1.  
Paid George \$5.00.

Tuesday 5  
Clear Cold

Left for Martinez at 8:15 a.m. Guy Simpson rode down with me. Got to Martinez at 9:50 a.m.  
Annie & Carrie and Sybil went to San Jose today.  
George took them to Oakland.  
Had lunch at Aunt Mary's again today.  
Got excused at 3:30. Left for home at 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday 6  
Clear Cool

Left home at half past 7 a.m. Arrived at Martinez at 9 a.m. Got shaved before court called. Was accepted as juror on case of Stamm vs. Stamm, suit for damages to recover promisory note of \$1000. Brother against Brother. Our verdict was in favor of plaintiff. Went to Hotel for dinner. Got \$2.00 fees.

Thursday 7  
Clear Warm

Got excused at 11 o'clock till Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock. Got home about 7 o'clock. Made arrangements to go to San Jose the next morning.  
Turkey eggs were hatching.

Friday 8  
Cloudy North wind Cool

Geo. took us to Oakland. Sold 5 rolls butter for 1.00 at Pedrinari. Arrived in Oakland about half past 10 o'clock. Left Lloyd shoes to be repaired, two pairs for 50 cts. Went to Grandma's. Had lunch. Took Berkeley train for pier. Took S.J. train at pier. Paid \$1.70 for Stella's & my tickets and 85¢ for Lloyd's ticket. Got to San Jose at 3:30.

Saturday 9  
Clear Frost

Stella and I went to Pavillion in afternoon. Mamma & I and Mollie went to Pavillion and rode up town in Bus. Got box strawberries .35 took them to Carrie's. Packed up our things and went to Fishers. Got room near by. Went up to the parade. Saw King Cole.

Sunday 10  
Clear Cool

Took the 2 o'clock train for Oakland Broad-Gauge. Arrived at Jack's about 4 o'clock. Stayed there all night. It rained most of the night.

Monday 11  
Partly cloudy Cool

Went up town got Lloyd's shoes, my shirts, Jack & I went for George. Sold the butter he brought for 20 cts per roll. Cash 7 rolls. Got home about 4:30. Went to Walnut Creek with wagon to get milk cans at Creamery.

Tuesday 12  
Clear Cold

Went to Martinez on Jury. Was accepted on case of J.L. Gill vs. Southern Pacific RR. Started taking milk to creamery again. Took testimony for Plaintiff all day. Court closed about 4:30. Got home at 6 p.m.

Wednesday 13  
Clear Warm

Got to court at Martinez at 9 a.m. Continued to examine witnesses for Plaintiff. Court adjourned at 4:40 p.m. Got home 6:15 about.

Thursday 14  
Clear Warm

Left home at 7:10. Got to Martinez at 8:30. Sold eggs to L. for 11. Got showed at noon. They examined witnesses for Plaintiff all day till 4:30 then Attorney Moore for Defendant entered plea for non-suit till 5:30. Got home at 7 p.m.

Friday 15  
Clear Cool

Left home 7:25. Got to Martinez 8:55 a.m. Court called at 9:00 a.m. Jury called at 9:30. Still arguing for non-suit by Defendant. Took dinner at the Com. Hotel. Mailed Latch Key to Fisher's. Afternoon Plaintiff argued for against non-suit. Court adjourned at 5:35 till 9 a.m. Saturday morning. Got home at 7:25 p.m.

Saturday 16  
Partly clear windy Cool

Left home at 7:10. Got to Martinez 8:40. Defense finished arguing for non-suit. Which the judge denied. The Defendant then proceeded to examine their witnesses. Court adjourned at 10 to 11 p.m. till Monday Morning at 10 o'clock. Got sack flour at Lasell's & sugar. Got home by 6 p.m. Cold. Had a fire in fireplace. Mollie & Winnie Stevens called in evening.



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Sunday 17  
Clear Cold

Put clips on swingtrees of Mower, fixed rake. Went to Walnut Creek to George's. Got steak at Butchers. Lloyd painted the Mower. I painted the rake. Geo. started in hoeing the potatoes. Put pane glass in window. Lee got up Barney, Jane and Fred. Geo. brought them down with the milk from the ranch. Had fire in fireplace this evening.

Monday 18  
Partly Clear Cold

Lee went out with mower to cut hay. Left home at 7:25. Got to Martinez 9:10. Left Chester's shoes to be mended .85. Got shaved. Court called at 10 a.m. One juror absent. Had to wait arrival of 10:15 train. Continued taking testimony for defense. Court adjourned at 5 o'clock. Got home at 7 o'clock.

Tuesday 19  
Clear Forst Cold

Court opened at 9 a.m. Finished examining witnesses for defense in forenoon. Afternoon argued the case. Latimer first 30 minutes, followed by Wells 30 minutes followed by Moore 60 minutes and Garrity closed. Given to jury at 5 o'clock. We brought in verdict for defense at 6:20. Got home 7:45. Cloudy tonight, looks like rain.

Wednesday 20  
Cloudy Cold

Court opened at 10 a.m. Was accepted as juror on case of John Silvia vs. Marx & Rosenthal. Took testimony for plaintiff. A.A. Moore and Zimmin argued a motion for a non-suit. Denied by Judge. Court call at 2 p.m. Proceeded to take testimony for Plaintiff and Defendants. Court adjourned at 4:10. Got home at 5:40. Paid George 11 dollars.

Thursday 21  
Rain Cool

Court called at 9 a.m. Proceeded with taking testimony. Adjourned till 1:30 p.m. Proceeded with Cross examination. Adjourned at 5 p.m. till 7 p.m. Argued the case. First Hubs followed by Moore & Zimmin. Latimer closed. Court adjourned at 10:15. After adjournment at 5:30 had team put up for night house. Got room at Martinez Hotel.

Friday 22

Still cloudy & threatening. Court called at 9 a.m.

Judge gave his charge to jury. We adjourned to jury room at 10 o'clock. 1st ballot stood 8 for defendants 4 for Plaintiff. 2nd ballot 6 for Def. & 6 for Plaintiff. Had dinner brought up to us at 12:30 p.m. Took ballot at 2 p.m. with same result, 6 to 6. 5 o'clock ballot stood 7 for defendant & 5 for Plaintiff. Could not agree and Judge discharged us at 8:15 p.m. Got home 10:15 p.m.

Saturday 23  
Clear Cool

Horses got out. Had hard job finding them and getting them home. After lunch all went to Martinez with me in the carriage. Got my pay for Jury service, \$11.80. Went up to cemetery, planted white verbena. Got home by seven o'clock.

Sunday 24  
Clear Warm

Mowed hay in A.M. and in afternoon, till about 4 p.m., when the mower broke down. George bunched hay. Got mower fixed. Fixed fence after supper and took a bath and went to bed.

Monday 25  
Clear Warm

Mowed till 10 o'clock when mower broke in the same place again. Sent Lee for Blankenship's mower at W. Creek. Lee mowed in afternoon. Sent by Thomson for casting for mower. Got it this evening. Fixed knife and ground it. Bill Chiddy commenced working in hay field.

Tuesday 26  
Clear Warm

Fixed mower and went to work by 7:30. Lee mowed today also. Broke down again about 10:30 cogs gave out. P.M. took the machine to pieces, but found the casting from other machine would not fit. Got an order from Thomson to get extras at Baker & Hamilton's.

Wednesday 27  
Clear Warm

Annie & Sybil came to Oakland with me. I got shaved and hair cut and took 11:08 a.m. train for City. Rode up Market Street. Had lunch at the Palace restaurant. Visited the New Emporium. Priced suits for Lloyd. Got casting at Baker and Hamilton's. Got the 2:30 boat. Got Stella a new hat at Kahn's. Got home about 7 p.m.

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Thursday 28  
Foggy Cool

Put new cog casting in Mower and put machine together again. Got Nell shod 1 shoe in front & 1 behind.

Friday 29  
light rain Cooler

Cultivated the Potatoes. Helped George hoe potatoes. Burned brush and raked the road to buggy shed. Greased the buggy. Bill Chiddy cut mustard in orchard at Ranch in forenoon. Lloyd & Chester's school closed at noon. Stella's school closed at 4 p.m. Cat had 4 kittens. All the children were promoted. Lloyd 80%, Stella 85%.

Saturday 30  
Clear Foggy Cool

We all went to the Camp meeting in Alameda. Got down about noon, had our lunch in side street near Park Street. Eld. Taylor preached at 2:30 p.m. We left camp ground for home at about 5:30 p.m. Got home about 9 o'clock after a very cold ride. Auntie went to Martinez to Cemetery. She took Aunt Lucinda. Stella stayed with Bro. Baker's folks.

Sunday 31  
Foggy Cold

We came down again to Camp meeting. Went right to cemetery to Lidia Stickne's funeral. Had our lunch before the Procession arrived. After the Burial, we came over to the campground. Eld. R.H. Owen preached at 2:30. I engaged rooms for house keeping at the Alameda Hotel for \$15 for the week. Got home about 9 o'clock.

Monday June 1  
Cloudy Cool

Took horses up to ranch and turned them out in pasture. I the other horses over to Doré's side of pasture. Drove up Stella's cow with heifer calf. P.M. Greased and washed the wagon. Went up to Ranch & killed wild heifer's bull calf. Bill Chiddy cut mustard in afternoon.

Tuesday 2  
Cloudy Threatened rain Cool

Took calf to town. Auntie & Lloyd went with me. Calf weighed 112 lbs, sold for 6 cts (\$6.70). Got \$20 out of Bank. Got Lloyd suit for \$5.00. Haircut and hat. Auntie got a new hat. I came over to Alameda and paid Mrs. in full for the rooms. Got sack barley 80 cts and fed the team. Left Sybil's dress, coat & bonnet at laundry 70 cts, got Bonnie at 5 o'clock.



Wednesday 3  
Foggy Cool

We left home for camp meeting about 9 a.m. Geo. came along to drive the team back. Got to our room in Alameda Hotel at about 12 o'clock. Annie got lunch and we all came back to Oakland. Got shoes \$1.50 for Chester, hat .50, and his hair cut. Got shaved and shirts. Attended a health talk on hygienic cooking by a lady at 4:30. In evening Stella and I heard Eld. Jones.

Thursday 4  
Foggy and cloudy Cool

Annie went to Berkeley to see Mrs. King. We attended conference meeting till 12 noon. Eld. Breed was elected Pres. of Cal. Conference. Prof. Rhine, Sec. Afternoon Prof.                      preached, followed by session of the conference. Healdsburg College was discussed at length by Elders, Professors and students, followed by resolution being passed endorsing H. College. A.T. Jones preached in evening - 7:30.

Friday 5  
Cloudy in morning Clearer Warm

Children went to Kindergarten at 8 o'clock and to Children's Meeting. Conference meeting at 9 o'clock a.m. 11 to 12 had College Meeting. Sr. Wilcox spoke on "Home Amusements for Children" at 4:30 p.m. A.T. Jones spoke in the evening.

Saturday 6  
Clear Warm

Went to Sabbath school at 9 a.m. Eld. Owens preached at 11 a.m. Eld. Breed preached at 2:30, A.T. Jones at 5 and Eld. Healey at 8 o'clock in evening.

Sunday 7  
Clear Warm

I went to 5:30 A.M. meeting. Went Barber shop after breakfast. Attended Conference meeting till noon. While at lunch Mrs. King came. Eld. Wilcox spoke at 2:00. Mrs. King went home at 3:30. Chester and I went with her to the car. A.T. Jones spoke in the evening. Took up collection. Bretheren Reeser, Howe, Ryan & Jacobson were ordained. Meeting closed about 9:30 p.m.

Monday 8  
Foggy Cool

Bill Chiddy came for Auntie with the horses and buggy. I took team and drove over to Oakland to the bank. They left for home about 1 o'clock p.m. We waited all afternoon for Mrs. King & her mother and they did not come. In the evening we all took a walk up town.

Tuesday 9  
Clear Warm

We took 9:30 train at Alameda for the City. Arrived at Cliff House about 11:30. Had our picture in a group taken at the Park going out. Stopped at the Park coming back. The children rode on the donkey and goat wagons, and we had another lunch. I & the boys took the Alameda train for home arriving at about 7 o'clock p.m. Annie, Stella and Sybil took the Berkeley train to see Grandma.

Wednesday 10  
Clear Warm

I went over to Oak. on car about 9 a.m. Went to D and paid D. Waited for George till 11 a.m. when he came. We went to Alameda, had dinner, fed the team, loaded our things on wagon and left for home about 1 o'clock. Picked blackberries for 2 pies on road home. Got home about 5 p.m. Went up to Ranch, watered flowers in evening.

Thursday 11  
Clear Warm

Mowed hay down on 20 acre place. At noon Mr. Armstrong called in the interest of the Napa Oil Co., signed an agreement to allow the company to bore for oil on the ranch inside of 60 days. George got up work horses, turned out Jim and Nell.

Friday 12  
Clear Warm

Mowed on 20 acre field. Bill Chiddy raked and bunched.

Saturday 13  
Clear Warm

Put up hammock and rested in shade of garden and enjoyed the flowers. In evening took a ride to Walnut Creek. Nellie Stevens went with us. Paid bills at Geary's with milk bill from Creamery.

Sunday 14  
Clear Hot

Mowed on 20 acre field. Geo. bunched hay.

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Monday 15  
Clear Hot

Annie & Lloyd took milk to Creamery. Finished 20 acre field and commenced on hills. Seif. Hodges helped mow with his mower in P.M. Got a man to put up hay at 11 a.m. George hurt his finger so could not milk anymore, so had to quit taking milk to creamery. After supper went to ranch with Auntie & and milked some of the cows.

Tuesday 16  
Clear hot

Hodge & I mowed. Finished the hill. In morning early before breakfast I went to ranch and milked the cows and got up Nell, Jim & Blaze. Had dinner under apple trees. In evening I helped Auntie milk at ranch. Had supper under tree.

Wednesday 17  
Clear Cooler

Hodge & I finished hill side East from orchard and mowed the knoll and front field. Had dinner at Lee's. Annie & children came down and cooked at Lee's. Brought home hay in 2 horse wagon. Martin called to get job of baling hay.

Thursday 18  
Clear foggy in morning Cooler

I finished cutting the front field. Annie got dinner again at Lee's. I cut two patches of barley on hillside.

Friday 19  
Clear Some fog in morning Cool

Lee helped me cut hay for Auntie. Had dinner at Auntie's. Had currant pie. We all have been sick with dysentary for two days. Probably caused by warm weather and change of water at Lee's. The men at Ranch finished raking and nearly got through bunching up the hay.

Saturday 20  
Partly Cloudy Cool

Sunday 21  
Clear Warm

Mowed for Auntie till mower would not run and had to quit about 4:30. Annie went to Oak. for Miss Crowley in afternoon. They got home about 9 p.m.



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Monday 22  
Clear Hot

Lee came and finished mowing for Auntie. I put my machine together and went up to ranch to cut the rest of my barley hay, but the mower would not yet run. We all got ready and went for a ride to Walnut Creek about 5 o'clock.

Tuesday 23  
Clear Hot

Got Thomson's machine to finish cutting the barley. Got through at 5 p.m. Took bull rake to shop for new teeth and shoes. After supper all went for a ride to Walnut Creek. Drove Nell and Blaze.

Wednesday 24  
Clear Cooler in Morning

Drove 5 calves up to the Ranch. Branded 2 calves at Ranch and turned them out with cows. Drove Brock and Dora down home.

After dinner hitched up and went to Oakland. Took Miss Crowley & Annie & Chester. They got dresses for Stella and Annie Ducking & Dimity.. Had dinner at the Windsor with Miss Crowley & her sister. They rode up to 14th St. We got home at 10 P.M.

Thursday 25  
Foggy in morning Cool

Began stacking the volunteer hay on the hill. Got up two bunches by night. Turned out Kate, Pat, Fred & Blaze in the pasture.

Friday 26  
Foggy in forenoon Cool

Still stacking on the hill. Brought up Nell & Jim to the field where we are stacking. Finished stack on hill about 3 P.M. Worked on stack in flat west from orchard the rest of the day. Lloyd brought up the guns and we shot 4 squirrels & doves..

Saturday 27  
Foggy in morning Cool

Foggy nearly all day. Stella, Lloyd & I went to Oakland. Took Miss Crowley as far as Develier's. Got Stella a dimity & ducking. Paid for Chronicle. Got suit of underwear. Went down to Jack's. Gave him the squirrels. Had lunch there. Got home at 15 minutes to 8 P.M.

## 1896 Diary

Sunday 28  
Foggy Cold

Dug around the flowers. Went to Church.  
Watered the flowers.

Monday 29  
Foggy in morning Cool

Stacked hay in front field. Finished stacking other field of volunteer hay at 9 A.M. Drove horses over to back pasture and fixed up fence. Fixed fence between me and Watts.

Drove up 2 cows to be milked. Paid Boardman Pool Tax. \$4.00. Paid Bill \$2.00. Put Kate & Fred in hay field.

Tuesday 30  
Foggy Cool

Stacked in front field. Finished stack of 8 bundles at 3:30 P.M. and worked on stack near second gate of one bunch.

Wednesday July 1  
Foggy in morning Cool

Annie went to town in buggy. Took Chester & Sybil. Finished stacking small stack of one bunch near 2nd gate. at 8:30 A.M. Then went over into the hollow next to Hodges. I went over and paid Hodges \$7.50 for mowing. 2-1/2 days. Annie and the children got home about 3 p.m. Stella got the dinner. Lloyd brought up the gun and we shot 2 squirrels.

Thursday 2  
Clear Warm

Lloyd raked with wire rake. Finished stack in hollow at noon. Went to 20 acre field next.

Friday 3  
Clear warm

Stacked in 20 acre field. Got 3 bunches put up. In P.M. took Miss Crowley home to Oakland. Stella & Lloyd went with me. Got fireworks for the boys. Got a fountain pen for a birthday present. Brought home ice for ice cream for the 4th. Got home at 12:30 A.M.

Saturday 4  
Clear Warm

Stayed at home all day. In evening had some fireworks for children.

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Sunday 5  
Clear Warm

Helped around home. Peeled apples. Killed and dressed a chicken. Auntie stayed to dinner. Stella & I went to church in afternoon. Millie & Winnie called in P.M. After supper Lloyd & Frank went to Ranch for the buggy and Jane. We took a ride to Walnut Creek.

Monday 6  
Foggy in morning Warm

Stacked hay in 20 acre field. Frank, George & I.

Tuesday 7  
Clear Warm

Finished stacking hay at Ranch at 11 A.M.  
Had dinner at Auntie's. Stacked hay for her in P.M.

Wednesday 8  
Clear Hot

Took Stella to Berkeley. Left Geo. & Frank to stack alone. We went to Oakland first and drew interest money at bank. Got Stella shoes and Chester shoes. Got home about 11 o'clock.

Thursday 9  
Clear Hot

Lloyd & I went down to Ranch in evening with gun and shot squirrel.

Friday 10  
Clear Got

Thunderstorm in morning, very little rain.  
Lloyd & I went to Oakland in spring wagon. Got a screen door and hammock. Brought Harold out with me.

Saturday 11  
Clear Hot

Took over lunch and went to Mitchell Canyon, Mt. Diablo. Stopped at Sarah Bradley's on way back. Got home at 10:30 P.M.

Sunday 12  
Clear Warm

Went down to Berkeley after Stella. Stopped for a few minutes on the way down at Mrs. Earl's and went down to Jack's with Harold. Had dinner there. Mary, Delia & Emily rode with us to Berkeley. Stopped at Mason's. Had ice cream soda, saw Miss . Brought Gertie Earl out with Stella. Got home about 10 o'clock.



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Monday 13  
Clear Warm

Helped Annie wash. Took carriage wheel to shop. Got Milt Shreve's wagon to haul hay. Men brought some wheat for Auntie first.

Tuesday 14  
Clear Warm

Went up to ranch and fixed fence, drove out cattle, brought down Nell. Got Nell shod all around in P.M. Hitched to spring wagon and drove up to Grey's. After supper went to see hay baling at McNulty's. Got 3 bales at George's 204 lbs at \$6.40 per hundred.

Wednesday 15  
Foggy in morning Cool

Annie took Gertie Earl home. Got carriage wheel. I got dinner for the men. Sybil & I dug new potatoes for dinner. After dinner I scalded all the hens' roosts. Annie got home 6:30 p.m. Brought home box strawberries.

Thursday 16  
Foggy in morning Cooler

Drove cattle out of field and got up Kate and Pat and fixed the fence. P.M. fixed water trough in flat for hay balers to water their horses. Went down in spring wagon and brought up cook house from McNulty's Ranch.

Friday 17

Foggy in morning Cool  
Let Millie have buggy & Nell.  
Got Jim & Pat shod, \$1.00. Fixed fence at Ranch and drove 2 cows & 2 calves over to Wood ranch pasture. P.M. Hitched Jim & Pat to spring wagon and went to Walnut Creek for ball rope. Got 3 coils 196 lbs, coil wire 95 lbs, staples 25 cts, axle grease, 6 cans 50 cts. Hay balers finished stack on hill and moved to stack in flat.

Saturday 18  
Foggy in Morning Cool

Auntie took Grandma to Martinez in buggy with Pat. We took over lunch and all went in carriage to Pine Canyon. Got home at 6:30. Hay balers just got through baling hay at ranch. Small wheat stack by gate. All they are going to bale at this time.

Sunday 19

Foggy in morning Cool

Went up to the Ranch in spring wagon, took boys & Sybil, got posts & wire and worked on fence around small stack of baled hay in flat.

P.M. All went up to Ranch again. Finished fencing small stack and got posts and took them to stack on hill.

Lee cradled Auntie's wheat and George bound it.

Monday 20

Foggy in morning Cool

Geo. & Frank are still hauling loose hay to barn.

I went up to ranch in spring wagon to fence stack of baled hay on hill. Saw the all red cow with a calf in pasture.

P.M. Finished fencing stack and covered bales with damaged hay. Lloyd helped me put on wire & undo the balance of coil along fence next to Reynold's.

Tuesday 21

Foggy in morning Cool

Stacked hay in flat east of orchard at the Ranch with George & Frank. Got through at 11 a.m. They hauled load loose hay to cover baled hay near gate. I put 3 wires on fence from hen house to barn at ranch. Had men load big wagon with baled hay. Annie & I left for Oakland at 1:10 p.m. Got to bank Oakland at 5 minutes to 3 o'clock. Got groceries to take camping.

Wednesday 22

Foggy nearly all day Cool

Put wire on fence at ranch between Reynold's and I. Got two horse wagon fixed up and load of hay on and brought it down from the ranch. Fixed wire on gap and bars in the other gap.

Thursday 23

Foggy in morning Warmer

Took load hay on 2 horse wagon to Oakland. Jack met me at Temescal. Sold load to Osgood for \$8 per ton. Got suit for \$2.75, shoes \$2.50, shirt, underwear, shirt for Lloyd, shells, belt for shells. Rented 2 tents 10 X 12 to take camping. Went down to Jack's for lunch. Got loaded with \_\_\_\_\_ and folks and started for home about 5 p.m. Jack and \_\_\_\_\_ joined us at Temescal. Got home at about 10 o'clock.

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Friday 24  
Foggy Warm

Made ice cream. Got wagon fixed at shop. tuned  
the piano. Loaded up 2 horse & spring wagon with traps and  
folks and left Lafayette at about 12 noon. 14 of us  
all told. Arrived at Mitchel Canyon at about 6:30 p.m. after  
a good many delays. Had to shoot pup on the way over.

Saturday 25  
Foggy & windy, cloudy Cool

Fixed up camp, swung hammocks, pitched tents, made a  
table, etc.

Slight sprinkle of rain.

Sunday 26  
Cloudy Warmer

Jack & Lloyd & I climbed peak opposite camp and followed  
ridge to deer flat. Had our lunch there, Jack shot  
a squirrel. We followed trail down to camp where we  
arrived at 4 p.m. I took bath in creek below camp and  
changed clothes. Had visitors from other camps.

Monday 27  
Clear Windy Cool

Jack & I borrowed hooks and lines and went fishing.  
Caught 4 fish, came in about 1 p.m. and had lunch.  
Packed Nell & Jack. S & I went to Deer Flat  
and camped all night. Went out early to hunt for deer,  
but the fog was so thick we had to come back. Killed  
birds for dinner. P.M. Got pine nuts. Got back to  
camp at 5 p.m. Windy at night.

Tuesday 28  
Foggy Windy Cool

Got up at four and had breakfast.

Dragged in logs with Nell and Had a big camp fire.

Wednesday 29  
Partly clear & windy Cool

Lloyd's birthday. Hitched up Nell to cart and Jack &  
I went down canyon to hunt doves. Did not get any.  
After dinner Jack and S went fishing, caught  
3 fish. Chester & Harold went up on trail with me  
hunting. Got a little rabbit. Fraser, Carrigan &  
E from Martinez called and spent the evening  
playing Whist and Endure. Annie & Delia went to  
Clayton in the P.M. & got bread &



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Thursday 30

Clear Not so windy Warm

Visited the next camp below. George came with the teams about 11 o'clock. Broke up camp after dinner and left for home at 1 o'clock. Got to Concord where we watered the team and left for Walnut Creek about 4 p.m. Annie and her load called at Mrs. Coats. I got bread & meat at Walnut Creek. All got home at 6 p.m.

Friday 31

Clear Warm

Did not get up till late. Took Jack and his folks to Oakland after lunch. Got to Jack's at 5 p.m. After dinner took tents up to 7th St. and got some candy for the children & Lloyd & I started for home at 8 o'clock P.M. Got home at 11:30 P.M.

Saturday August 1

Clear Warm

Put up the hammocks and rested all day. In evening Stella, the boys and I went over to Millie & Winnie's.

Sunday 2

Foggy in morning Cooler

Worked on hay wagon fixing spring and putting bolts in reach. Annie and Stella went to church. Got up the horse in the evening at the ranch.

Monday 3

Very foggy in morning Cooler

Got up at 4 a.m. Left at 6:30 with load of hay. Sold it to Osgood for \$7.00 per ton. Got home at 2 p.m. Rested, had dinner and loaded up at Ranch, 17 bales wild oat hay.

Tuesday 4

Foggy in morning Cool

Left at 7 a.m. with load of hay for Osgood. Had dinner at Walsh's Temescal. Got home at 3 p.m. Greased and fixed brake blocks. Took out Fred and just put on wheel. Could not get Fred shod so took him up to ranch. Chester went with me. Put on 18 bales wild oat hay.

Wednesday 5

Foggy in morning Cool

Left 7:30 a.m. with load of hay. Sold it to Nash for \$5.50. Paid with check on First National Bank. Cashed a check on Ca. Bank from Osgood for hay. Got home too late to load. Brought home bread for Millie and paint for Lasar.

Thursday 6

Foggy in morning Cool

Got up at 4 a.m. After breakfast went to ranch with team and wagon and put on load of wheat hay, 18 bales. Geo. took folks down to Oakland in spring wagon. Sold hay to Rhodes and \$8 per ton. Sold 6 loads on 30 days. Wheel of spring wagon broke down and they had to borrow a wheel to come home. Got home at 5 p.m. and put on load of wild oat hay 18 bales.

Friday 7

Foggy Cool

Left home at 7 with load of hay. Sold it to Gates on credit. Got shaved and went to Exposition for a while. Got home at 7 p.m.

Saturday 8

Foggy in morning Warmer

Rested. Took bath after dinner, got ready to go to Oakland. Took all the folks down to Oakland Exposition. Left home at 5 p.m. Got down at 7:30. Had dinner at Menick's. Stayed to the fair till 10:30. Went to Gates and got the team and left for home at 11 p.m. Got home at 1:50 a.m. O'Neil left 2 boxes peaches, 35 cts each.

Sunday 9

Foggy in morning Warm

Got up at 9 a.m. Rested all day. Stella went to church with Millie. After supper went to Ranch and put on load hay & got up the horses. Annie put up peaches from O'Neil's.

Monday 10

Foggy in forenoon Cooler

Got up at 5 a.m. Left for Oak. at 5:30. Sold hay to White. Had dinner at . Waited for Lloyd and put on load of wheat hay from front field.

Tuesday 11

Foggy in A.M. Cool

Left about 6 for Oak. with load of hay. Sold to Rhodes & Dobbie. Had lunch at Merrick. Got 2 new songs. Got home about 4 p.m. Put on load wheat hay for White.

Brickley called with a man to trade Oakland property for land.

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Wednesday 12  
Foggy Cool

Got Thomson's wagon to go to town. Took down his berry crates. Stopped at White to let him know I could not bring the hay until the next day. Got 7 drawers of blackberries for 12 cts per drawer. Strawberries for 10 cts a drawer. Got spring for buggy 1.15. Wheels for spring wagon, \$7.00. Left wheel at Arth's to be tired & boxes set. Got home about 7 p.m.

Thursday 13  
Foggy Cool

Brought load of hay to White. Brought down berrie chest and spring wagon wheel to Arth's. Had dinner at Merrick's. Got home about 4 p.m. Had George help me put on load of Oat hay to Friedberg, Temescal. George put spring in buggy. Gave George 25¢.

Friday 14  
Foggy Cool

Got up at 4:30 A.M. Hitched team for Annie. S & Millie went to town in buggy. Took my load to Friedberg, Temescal. Oat hay for \$7.00 a ton. Put team in Ninyo's barn and left wagon in the yard. Got shave, haircut & dinner. Met Annie, Millie & Winnie at Exposition. Heard Joaquin Miller, Black Patti and others. Got home about 7 p.m. Annie got home at about 8:30.

Saturday 15  
Cloudy & foggy Cool

Got up at 7 or 8 o'clock. Had a bath before dinner, went down to Auntie's for a while. Had early supper, shaved and got ready to go to Walnut Creek. Auntie went with us all to M.E. E. Chester sang a couple of songs. I sang once. Had ice cream & cooky. Paid Granny's bill up to date, \$37.75.

Sunday 16  
Cloudy in Morning Warm

Annie, Millie & I went to Walnut Creek to church. Paid Frank balance of \$3.50 due him for work in hay. Went to Presbyterian Church. Went to Bancroft's. Came home, had lunch, went to church at Lafayette. Geor. helped me put on load of hay after supper.

Monday 17 Cloudy Warm

Brought down load of oat hay to White, 18 bales, 4100 lbs, \$6.30 per ton. Went up to Arth's and got spring wagon wheels. Paid \$3.50 for setting tires and boxes. Got home about 5 p.m. Had Lloyd help me load. Had supper when we got back. Annie & Lloyd picked the apples.



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Tuesday 18  
Cloudy Hot

Took load oat hay to White, 18 bales, 4080, \$6.30 per ton.  
Paid check for 2 loads. Lost monkey wrench. Got  
lunch at Walsh's. Easton rode out with me.  
Got boxes of Shreve to bring pears down next day.  
Lloyd painted wheels to spring wagon.

Wednesday 19  
Cloudy Warm

Sprinkled early in morning. Annie & I brought down  
Auntie's pears. Sold on an average of 40 cts per box, 7-1/2  
boxes. Went to Grandma's. Annie went to Jack's. Got  
Harold's picture. Sold 3 doz eggs for 25¢ in trade.  
Saw Gates, engaged load of old hay.

Thursday 20  
Foggy in morning Cooler

Brought down a load of apples to Oak. Sold eleven  
boxes for \$4.65. 3 for 1.00, one to Mrs. Sterns 50¢.  
7 boxes to San P. and 22d 45 cts per box. Annie came  
down with me. We had lunch at the Arlington. Chicken  
& plum pudding 25cts. Cashed check on bank from White  
\$26.60. Engaged load hay to Nash for tomorrow.  
Ordered invitations for Estella's party.

Friday 21  
Foggy Warm

Got up at 5 a.m. Greased wagon and got up horses.  
Winnie came for Nell & buggy. After breakfast Lloyd &  
I went to ranch and put on load. Left for Oak with load  
hay at 9 a.m. Got Nash at 1:20 p.m. Unloaded, got  
check on First National. Had dinner at Arlington. Had  
to wait 1-1/2 hours for invitations for Stella's party.  
Paid 1.00 for them, 2 feed bags \$1.50, bread 10¢. Got  
home at 8:20 p.m.

Saturday 22,  
Cloudy Cool

Got up at 8:30.  
Rested in a.m.  
After dinner addressed 50 envelopes for invitations to  
Stella's party.  
Got stamps 30 cts worth.  
Got bill from Shreve.

Sunday 23  
Foggy & cloudy Cool

Lloyd, Chester & I went to ranch for load of hay. Put on 18 bales for Osgood. Opened the fence so cattle could get in. Shot 3 squirrels. After dinner picked sour apples down at Auntie's. Auntie took Grandma & Aunt Lucinda out to Moraga with her to Williams in spring wagon. Stella went to church with Millie & Winnie. Went up to Burton's to see hay balers in carriage. Went over to Millie's after supper.

Monday 24  
Foggy Cool

Cool in morning. Got up at 6. Started with load of hay at 7:30 a.m. Got to Osgood's at 11:10 a.m. Got unloaded and went to Walsh's for dinner by 12 noon. Got 8 doz lanterns of Whitlocks for \$2.50. When got home took hay wagon to shop to have tires on hind wheels set and roller fixed and key made for breakrod.

Tuesday 25  
Foggy in morning Cool

Left home about 10 a.m. in carriage for Oakland. Annie & Lloyd came with me. Got check at Osgood's. Had dinner at the Arlington. Got Lloyd new shoes 2.25 at Senravi's. Got Lloyd a bicycle, a Rambler, 12th & Webster for \$49.00. Paid \$20.00. Got ring for Stella, a sapphire, \$10.00. Took box pears to Jack's. Isaac's came home in P.M. and found Hadley dead. Ward's boy brought out old Frank.

Wednesday 26  
Foggy in morning Windy Cool

Went to shop and got wagon. Addressed & mailed balance of invitations to Stella's party. Went up to ranch on Fred and got cattle out of baled hay stack. Geo. & I put on load of hay. 3 bales from Auntie's. Cleaned up the grannary and tore down old shed. Gave George 25 cts.

Thursday 27  
Foggy in morning Cool

Strong west wind. Took load of old hay to Gates. Got cloth for curtains and to fix up front room, napkins & left Stella's to be engraved and cleaned. Got 3 bottles of Sarsparrilla. Got home 4:30. Put on load of Oat & Wheat hay for Nash. Geo. worked on woodshed roof.

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Friday 28

Very foggy all day Cool

Took load hay to Nash, had dinner at 8th st. 10 ct. restaurant. Got Stella's ring. Winnie came out with me on hay wagon. Geo. worked on woodshed.

Saturday 29

Cloudy Cool

Thomson borrowed bale of rope. Clear in morning. Went to Berkeley in carriage. Annie & I met folks, King. Went to Mason's. Ordered ice cream, 3 gal. 4.50, candy 5 lbs 1.25, 2 lbs. of conversation lozenges, 30¢ --- \$6.05. Went to Grandma's and then to Jack's. Took Grandma apples & pears. Went up town and had lunch. Got 4 doz glasses. Met Jack. Got wall paper, \$3.40 for front room & \$4.00. Bedspread \$3.00. Went to Jack's and had dinner. Mary & Harold came out with us. Got home at 9:30 p.m. Commenced raining soon after we got home.

Sunday 30

Rainy in morning Cloudy Warm

Rained all night and until nine o'clock this morning. I took milk to Steven's. Shot a rooster for dinner.

Monday 31

Cloudy Close Warm

Papered front room.

Tuesday September 1

Foggy in morning Warmer

Finished front room, put down carpet. Afternoon went to Oakland in wagon. Got 2 dog chains at Schellhaas, 1.00. Got music stand. Ordered programs, carpet for Stella's room, moulding, vase, paintings and polls at Kabir. Got home at 12:30 a.m.

Wednesday 2

Clear Close Warm

Put down carpet in Stella's room, hung pictures. Annie baked cakes, Mary helped.

Thursday 3

Clear Warm

Geo. put up polls for lanterns. Lee went with me and drove team with spring wagon. I took Jim & Nell and carriage. Got at B--. Got cushions for wagon & whip. Halter rope and ring. I brought out Ida B., Ruth B. & Emma Earl to Stella's party. Lee brought the ice cream & Jack hung up lanterns when I got home &



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lit them. About 90 guests arrived, commenced our programme at 8:45 p.m. Party did not break up till 12:30 a.m. after a very pleasant time. We retired about 2 o'clock A.M.

Friday 4

Foggy in morning Warm

Had breakfast at 8 o'clock. Lee took Jack, Ida B., Ruth B. & Emma Earl home, also ice cream freezer & 1 doz. chairs. I took Mary & Harold and Annie down in carriage. We stopped in Oak. for a short while & Annie & Mary got gloves at Kahn's. I got a shine and we went to San Leandro to Mrs. Johnson's funeral, but were too late. Had dinner at Mary's and got home at 9 p.m.

Saturday 5

Clear Warm

Had to go up to ranch and drive cattle out of baled hay. Got some peaches at Lee's. Annie set hen on 14 duck eggs. Sybil hurt her hand. I had an attack of rhuimatism in shoulder in evening.

Sunday 6

Foggy Cooler

Got tomatoes and sour apples down at Auntie's. Lloyd rode on his wheel to Walnut Creek to see if Geary had rope. Geo. & I put on load of oat hay on hill for Baker.

Monday 7

Foggy in morning Cool

Left at 7:30. Took load hay to Baker. Got there at noon, had dinner at Baker's. Went up town and got 9 bales of rope at Maxwell's for 6-1/4 cts per pound - 493 lbs. Paid cash for rope, \$30.80. Rhodes & Dobbie paid up bal due on hay, \$23.65. Got wax string. Manuel came back to press bal of hay. Got home about dark.

Tuesday 8

Foggy Cool

Balers commenced on stack in front field. Geo. went with me to load. Waited for Manuel to press load of wheat hay, 19 bales. Had Geo. throw off top of stack damaged by rain. Took hay to Nash. Left home at 8:30. Got to Nash's at 12:40. Unloaded after dinner. Ate at the Arlington. Got battery and Jane's harness mended. Got rope for hay wagon. Got Allen's Malt. Got home at about 7:30 p.m.

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Wednesday 9

Foggy in Morning Warm

Did not go with hay. Wrote up Stella's party for the Gazette. Paid Shreve's bill \$15.20. After dinner peeled pears and went up to Ranch on Fred to see balers. They were pressing in hollow. Got hay wagon ready & Geo. & I put on load of wheat hay, 19 bales. Hitched to spring wagon and went to Lee's and got Belflower apples, 5 or 6 boxes. Annie broke her ~~dental~~ plate.

Thursday 10

Clear Warm

Took load hay to Rhode's & Dobbie 19 bales. Paid \$5.00. Annie went down in buggy with Nell. Took Sybil. I met her at 10th St. Had lunch at the Arlington. Went up and saw Dr. T about teeth. Stu came in P.M. with Mary and had impression taken for new set. She stayed all night. Put up Nell at Gates. Got home at 6. Geo. helped me put on load wheat hay.

September 11, 12, 13 & 14 too badly smudged to transcribe.

Tuesday 15

Cloudy Warm

Had a shower of rain at 3 a.m. Byron & Lee came to haul hay to church. I left for town with load of hay 7:50 a.m. Arrived at Nash's 10th St. at 12:10. Went to the Arlington and had dinner. Then unloaded after one o'clock. Four bales damaged, put them in for \$1.00. Deducted 900 lbs. Had Kate's harness mended. Got 2 hay hooks. Got shaved. Left for home at four o'clock. Got home at 7:15. Bill Chiddy paid \$2.00 he borrowed in Spring..

Wednesday 16

Clear Warm

Got up at 5. Tended to horses and greased wagon. After breakfast drove to ranch and loaded for town. Drove cattle & horse away from baled hay. Put horses in corral. Told Lee & P to haul bad hay first. Got to White's at 11:45. Unloaded before dinner. White paid check. Got dinner at Merrick's. Changed tack. Went to bank. Left for home at 2 p.m. Got home at 5:15 p.m. Left Jane to be shod in front. Put on load wheat hay. Lee & Jethro hauled 99 bales to shed.

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Thursday 17

Clear Warm

Left home at 7 a.m. Got to Rhodes & Dobbie at 11:30. Unloaded before dinner. Had dinner at San Pablo St. restaurant. Left for home at 1 o'clock. Got home at 4:30. Greased wagon and fixed blocks. Lloyd went with me to ranch. Put on load hay from hollow.

Friday 18

Cloudy &amp; showery Warm

Did not go to town on acct. of rain, but hauled to church with 2 wagons. We hauled 180 bales to old church & about filled the building, 334 bales put in there. Loaded 2 wagons in 20 acre field. One with 20 bales & the other with 16. Left my wagon by granary & covered with carpet and canvas. Put Lee's load by little barn and covered with loose hay. Got all the hay out of the front field.

Saturday 19

Rainy &amp; cloudy Warm

Began raining soon after midnight. Kept it up till 8 or 9 o'clock. Stella & Lloyd got breakfast. I took a bath. Watered & fed horses, looked at the hay on wagons & in church. After breakfast children made candy. Annie & I got some quinces ready that I brought home which were very much bruised. Got crackers at store for supper.

Sunday 20

Cloudy Very close Warm

I got up at 7:15, built fire & started breakfast. Geo. fed horses. I uncovered load hay by granary. Shot chicken for supper. Had lunch about 1 p.m. Addressed invitations to Chester's party. Lloyd & I went up to ranch and rolled up wire around hay on hill. Then we went hunting on hill at ranch. Got 2 birds at 1 shot & 3 at another and one at another. It rained very hard before we got home. Made out a deed for after supper.

Monday 21

Cloudy Close Warm

Mr. Holt died evening before at 5:30. Delivered Deed for Bill & he paid Auntie bal. of \$56.15 on lot, after deducting 27-1/2 days work for us. Shreve took acknowledgement. Annie & I & Chester went to Mrs. Holt's before going to town. Chester got rubber boots with his milk money. Annie got her lower set of teeth. Got Stella shoes. Geo. brought down load of apples. I sold them to Voice of Telegraph Ave. for 1 ct per lb, 302 lbs. and box of pears to Mrs. Baker for .50.



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Tuesday 22

Rain Warm

Rained before daylight & most of the forenoon. Geo. got boxes and got another load of apples ready. I took Nell to be shod all around. I killed a coon on front bridge about dusk. Chester saw it first.

Wednesday 23

Cloudy &amp; threatening Cold

Set hen on 14 duck eggs in barn. Geo. put on load of apples & Annie & I took them to town. Baker took 5 boxes \$3.00, Mrs. Ward 1 box .60, & Mrs. Frances 1 box 60 cts. Had dinner at the Arlington. Annie went to the dentist. I made an appointment to meet Sontage Frida at 2 p.m. Promised Nash a load of wheat hay the 1st of the week. Got home about 8 p.m. Bro. Howell was here peddling wares.

Thursday 24

Clear Warm

Uncovered hay. Geo. uncovered hay at Ranch. Bro. Howell gave Sybil a tea pot. Annie got porcelain dish. Got Jim shod all around. Turned out Pet, Fred, & Blaze. Howell came back and stayed all night. I went up to Bickerstaff's to see about a song. Geo. cleaned out barn. Gave him 25 cts.

Friday 25

Clear Warm

Brought in load of hay to White. Some of it damaged from rain. Had to discount \$2.40. \$15.00 for the load. Got dinner and got shaved. Met Mr. Sonntag at 2 p.m. at McPherson's office. Signed lease giving Mr. Sontag privilege of boring for oil at ranch. Got gloves. Got Lloyd bicycle, pants, belt & stockings \$2.00. Left Oakland at 5 p.m. Got home at 8:10 p.m.

Saturday 26

Clear Warm

Rested A.M.

P.M. about 3 o'clock went to Oakland in carriage. Took Annie, Stella, Lloyd & Sybil. Left Chester with Auntie. Got to Mary's about 5:30. Had supper there and went up town to Republican meeting at Exposition Building. Got Lloyd's hair cut. I got shaved. Left shirts at laundry. Got Chester an air gun for a birthday present. Mary & Harold came home with us. Got home at 1 o'clock A.M.

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Sunday 27  
Foggy Cool

Killed chicken for dinner. Went to church in p.m. to hear new minister, Mr. Darling.  
Put on load of hay in forenoon.  
In evening went to Bickerstaff's.

Monday 28  
Foggy in morning Cool

Took load hay to Nash. Left home at 5:30 a.m. Got up at 4. Got to Nash's at 9:30. Left for home at 10:45. Got home with ice for Chester's party at 1:45 p.m. Changed clothes and made ice cream.  
Between 60 & 70 came to Chester's party. Went Shreve's in the evening to practice quartet for entertainment.

Tuesday 29  
Foggy in morning Cool

Annie took Mary & Harold home in the buggy. We made ice cream before they went. I helped men, Lee & Geo. haul hay in barn. I kept Sybil. Got dinner for men. Put on load to take to White. Helped Stella get supper. Went to Bickerstaff's to practice songs.

Wednesday 30  
Clear Warm

Took load hay to White. Put 50 dollars in bank for Geo. Got home about 4:30 p.m. Greased & fixed blocks & Lee & Geo. helped. We put on load wheat hay from shed at big barn. Lee & Geo. finished hauling in baled hay.

Thursday October 1  
Clear Warm

Took load wheat hay to Rhode's & Dobbie. He paid bal on load hauled Sept. 10, \$11.00. Had lunch at San Pablo Restaurant. Left for home at 1:30 p.m. Got shaved before leaving. Got home at 5 p.m. Put on load of wheat hay. Went up to Bickerstaff's. Annie went with me.

Friday 2  
Clear Warm

Took load hay to Rhodes & Dobbie. Geo. went with me. He got a trunk. I paid for Chronicle for one year. Got home about 6 p.m. Stella went with me to Bickerstaff's in evening to practice quartette.

Saturday 3  
Clear Warm

Fanny Hunsaker came over from Daley's to Auntie's. Called on us in P.M. All went to entertainment in church at 7:30 p.m. Had a pleasant time.  
Got home about 11 p.m.

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Sunday 4  
Clear Warm

Got up at 6 a.m. Went to ranch to meet butcher at 7:30 or 8. He did not come. Annie & I went to Mrs. Ben Hodge's funeral at Walnut Creek at M.E. church at 11 a.m. Stella had dinner ready when we came home. In evening all of us went to Walnut Creek to Lent meeting. Got home about 11 o'clock.

Monday 5  
Clear Warm

Labor Day. Took Mr. Hunsaker & Aunt Fannie & Auntie to Martinez. Got to Martinez at 12:20. Had dinner at Martinez Hotel. Went out to Mary Brown's. Drove through cemetery with the folks. Then took them to the train at 3 p.m. Auntie & I went to Caroline's for a half hour. Got home about 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday 6  
Clear Warm

Loaded up wheat hay to take to town, but worked so late that I did not go. But Geo. & I hauled hay to ranch in Thomson's header wagon - 5 loads. Collected rent of Brady for Auntie.

Wednesday 7  
Clear Warm

Took load wheat hay to White. Chester rode with me. Auntie, Annie, Stella & Lloyd came down in spring wagon. Bill Chidgey drove for them. Jim was lame & I left him at . I met folks at dentist's. Gave Annie \$17. Wagon broke on way home. Got it fixed at Temescal. Got home at 6 p.m. Boys did not come home with Auntie & Bill. Annie sent roll of butter.

Thursday 8  
Clear Warm

Got up at 5 a.m. Geo. helped put on load. I went on Nell to meet Williams at ranch. Sold wild heifer & spotted heifer to butcher for \$40. Left for town with load hay at 8 o'clock. Got to Nash's at 12:15. Went with the folks to German restaurant to dinner. Boys came home with me on hay wagon. Got home 5:45. Balers got through with Auntie's hay about 4 p.m. I got supper.



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Friday 9  
Clear Hot

Got up at 5 a.m. After feeding horses and starting breakfast helped Geo. put on load oat hay. Ate breakfast and started for town with load hay at 8:20 a.m. Got to White's at 12:20 p.m. 1:30 p.m. when I got unloaded. Drove up to 16th St. Got check from Rhodes & Dobbie for \$55.00 Had dinner about 2 p.m. Went to bank. Got a new purse. Met the folks & Mrs. King. Got home 7:15.

Saturday 10  
Foggy in morning Warm

Got up 15 minutes of 7. Got ready to go to Berkeley. Took boys and left at 10:30. Got to Mrs. Earl's about noon. Drove back and met Annie & Stella. Left the folks there at the children's party. Took Mrs. Emma down to Mason's. I went to Dwight Way, had lunch then to University grounds to the Field Day exercises. We all went to Mary's about 5:30. Took team up to Gates after supper. All went to entertainment on 7th Street.

Sunday 11  
Clear Warm

Got up at 7:30. Went with the boys to see Fireman's Drill. After breakfast went with Jack to beach, and railroad shops. After dinner went to Blair's Park. Took Mary & Harold. Lloyd rode his wheel out & back. Heard some fine music, saw balloon go up. Went back with Mary & had supper. Got home about 9 p.m.

Monday 12  
Clear Windy Warm

East wind. Went to ranch on Fred. Put wire on fence P.M. Finished fixing fence. Drove cows with calves down home. Kept Rose and 4 calves. Geo. helped put on load wheat hay after supper.

Tuesday 13  
Clear Warm

Got up at 7:15. (The rest of this entry is too faint to transcribe).

Wednesday 14  
Clear Warm

Night & morning fairly cool. Mrs. Wilson left at 8:30. Jones called. Annie, Stella and I left in spring wagon for Oakland after having had our lunch at about 11:30. Got to dentist about 1:45. I took grapes down to Jack's. Paid balance on Lloyd's

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wheel. Got lantern and oil. Left for home about 7 p.m.  
Got home at 9:30 p.m. Geo & Grant hauled in Auntie's hay.

Thursday 15  
Cloudy Warm

Nights cool. Got up at 5 a.m. Put on load wheat hay for Nash out of wood shed. Geo helped me load. Got Nash's at 12:45. Unloaded then had dinner. Got head strap mended. Got home too late to load. Got overalls .75, Dutches pants 2.00. Annie paid Manuel \$50 on hay baling account.

Friday 16  
Clear Warm

Cloudy in morning. Got up at 5:30 a.m. Greased wagon, put on load wheat hay from shed at barn. Left at 8:25 for town. Got to Whites at 1:15 p.m. Unloaded and drove up town for my dinner. Got night shirt, shoes for Sybil, \$1.00. Saw McKinnon. Got home about 8 p.m.

Saturday 17  
Partly cloudy Warm

Got up 8:30. After breakfast killed drake for Sunday dinner. About 5 p.m. hitched up Nell & Jim to carriage and took folks for a ride to Walnut Creek. Settled with Williams the butcher up to Oct. 1, 1896. With a bal. in my favor of \$3.74. Millie & Winnie called in evening.

Sunday 18  
Clear Warm

Lloyd & I went hunting in morning to ranch on Fred. Got 2 rabbits & some birds. After dinner put on load oat hay. Geo. helped. Annie went to church. After supper took Nettie Cameron home, then called on Mr. & Mrs. Wilson on the Hughes place. The boys stayed with Auntie all night. Turned horses & cows in Auntie's field.

Monday 19  
Foggy Warm

Got up at 5:30. Got up horses. Had breakfast 6:30. Left for Oakland at 7:25. Got to Nash's at 11:50 a.m. Went and had dinner. 2 p.m. by the time got unloaded. Went up to dentist's office. Made appointment with him for Friday P.M. for Stella & Auntie. Got home about 6 p.m.

Tuesday 20  
Foggy Warm

Got Fred shod and Kate. Geo. helped me load oat hay. Paid him .25. Geo cut gum trees and washed down corral. Hitched up to carriage & Annie, Stella &

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Sybil & I went to W.C. & called on Mrs. Ford. In evening called on Shreve's folks.

Wednesday 21

Clear Warm

Got up at 7:30. Took load hay to White. Got to White's about 12 Noon. Walked up town and had lunch at San Pablo St. Restaurant. Was 2 p.m. when I got unloaded. Got on car and went up to Pacific Press to see Baker about the hay. Got song "Little Honest Dollar". Got home about 6:30.

Thursday 22

Clear Warm

Took off hen at barn with 10 ducks. About 11:30 left for Concord in carriage with Millie & Milton Shreve & Annie and went to D speaking. Stephen White spoke. It was bum! Got home about 5 o'clock. After supper practiced a song at Bickerstaff's to sing at public speaking at Lafayette Friday night.

Friday 23

Clear Warm

Boardman got lantern to decorate shop. Left for Oakland in spring wagon at about 8:30. Auntie, Annie, Stella & Sybil with me. Left Auntie & Stella at Dentist's at 10:45 a.m. Annie & I took Sybil to Dr. Todd's and had him examine her left hand that was hurt by a seed sower, to see if an operation would help it. He thought not. Stella had 2 gold fillings put in. Auntie got her tooth put in on a bridge. Mary & Harold came home with us. Stella took elocution lesson. Gates paid bill.

Saturday 24

Very foggy Cool

Got home about 6:30, had supper & went to Keels and practiced & then to blacksmith shop where Mr. Belshaw & Gen. Dickenson spoke. Opened with "America". Mr. Belshaw spoke for about 30 minutes. Then I sang, "The Little Honest Dollar" and Gen. Dickenson spoke for an hour & 1/2. Closed with chorus, "Vote for McKinley & Protection".

Sunday 25

Partly cloudy Cold

Went to ranch and fixed fence. After dinner Annie, Mary & I went to church. Greased hay wagon after church and got horses in.



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Monday 26

Cloudy Cold and threatening

Showered in forenoon & in P.M. was showery.  
Began raining at night & rained hard all night.  
Leaked very bad in our bedroom.

Tuesday 27

Clear Cool

Cleared up this morning. Annie & Mary went to  
W.C. Manuel brought hay book. Went to Bickerstaff's  
to practice songs for dime social.

Wednesday 28

Clear Frost in morning Warm

Warm in middle of day. Took up carpet in our bedroom  
to get it dry. Geo. & I went up to ranch horseback  
and put wire around orchard at Lee's. Also fixed  
fence in creek.

Went up to Bickerstaff's at 6:30 p.m. to practice.  
Endora & Stella also came up and practiced a song.

Thursday 29

Showery Warm

Cleared up in P.M. Piled up baled hay in barn. Geo.  
helped & pitched up the loose hay. I drove 16 head  
of cattle in field at Lee's. Sun came out this afternoon.  
Got in horses so can go to town with hay in morning  
if clear. Lloyd got a knife at Shreve's, 40 cts.  
Auntie came up for a little while.

Friday 30

Clear Cool

Got up at 5 a.m. Geo. helped me put on load wheat hay.  
18 bales out of harness room. Annie & Mary went to  
Martinez. Left for Oakland at 8 a.m. Got to White's  
at 12:15 p.m. Had to wait till man came back from lunch.  
After unloading went up town had dinner about two p.m.  
Drew \$25 for Auntie at bank & 5 for myself. Got home  
about 6:30. After supper went to Jennie Bickerstaff's  
to practice songs.

Saturday 31

Cloudy Cold

Drizzling in the forenoon. Annie made cake for the  
dime social. P.M. Sun came out & was pleasant. In  
evening all went to Social. Mary & Harold went with  
us.

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Sang a couple of songs. Estella sang song with Endora Keel. Mrs. Wilson recited. All had a pleasant time. Came home about mid-night.

Sunday November 1  
Clear Frost Cool

Took Mary home & Harold. Lloyd & Stella went with me. Did not leave till late. Got to Mary's about 3 p.m. Had dinner. Left for home about 5. Got home at 7:30.

Monday 2  
Clear Warm

These nights are cold & mornings frosty. Got ready and went to Oakland to hear Tom Reed at racetrack. Left home at 11:45. Got there by 2 p.m. Big crowd, 10,000 people. Went to Mary's after. Stayed all night & went to big parade up town. Put up team at Gates.

Tuesday 3  
Clear Cool

Got up about 7 a.m. Jack & I & Lloyd went around to polls after breakfast. Lloyd & I went up town on train. Came back with team about 12 Noon. Left for home 2:30. Got home 20 min. of 5. Went right to polls & voted. Stayed up till 1 a.m. at polls.

Wednesday 4  
Clear Frost Warm

Got up 7:30. Manuel came and had him look over his account. I went to ranch & drove cattle out of Reynolds side. After dinner got mail. McKinley elected. Auntie came up for grapes. Manuel came again & I settled with him. Paid him \$105.15 on hay bal., down \$10.00 Millie called. Auntie called on Mrs. Moore & Millie, Estella & Annie went to prayer meeting.

Thursday 5  
Clear Cool

I got up at 5:20. Put on load wheat hay before breakfast. Left for Oakland at 7:40 a.m. Got to Rhodes & Dobbie's at 11:40. Unloaded by 12 Noon. Had dinner & went to Central Bank and got check cashed for hay. Got sack flour, 1.25, bread, .15, rooster .25. Got soap & spoons .25. Left for home 1:50. Got home at 5 p.m. Put on load hay from middle barn, 20 bales.

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Friday 6

Foggy in morning Warm

Took load hay to Humboldt Lumber Co. and traded it for shingles (14,000). 2 tons hay at \$9.00 per ton. Stella took elocution lesson. Got home about 8:30 with shingles after a great deal of bother with them. I agreed to give 1/2 beef for Barbeque.

Saturday 7

Clear Warm

Got up about 8 a.m.

Rested.

P.M. After dinner got horses cleaned & harnessed early. Got ready early and Annie, Stella & I went to entertainment at Presbyterian Church at Walnut Creek. Auntie stayed with children & stayed all night. Had meeting at store to arrange for barbeque to celebrate McKinley's election.

Sunday 8

Partly cloudy Warm

Grant came & said they would go with me to get the beef today. After breakfast Lloyd & I went on Pet & Fred. I let Grant have Nell to ride. Brady & young Grey went with us. Hank & Bum Lamp walked over with rifles. Bob McNeil drove with wagon around to Elam's ranch. Found my wild cow with Elam's band. Brady & Bum shot cow. We quartered and carried on horses to wagon. They took 1/2 to Brady's shop for barbeque.

Monday 9

Rain Warm

Stayed in most all day, reading, singing etc.

Tuesday 10

Partly clear Warm

Annie washed. I pumped water and wheeled in manure from the barn and put around the geraniums.

P.M. Went to ranch and fixed fence between field & pasture, from barn over towards Wilson's.

Wednesday 11

Clear Warm

Frost morning & very cold. Cut up forequarter of beef and salted it & branded calf & Rose's calf.

P.M. Took Nell's colt to ranch then drove Strawberry & 4 calves to ranch. Drove cattle over from Lee's side.



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Annie got a nice dinner. Mr. & Mrs. Darling called in evening to dinner and stayed till prayer meeting time. We all went to prayer meeting. Had a bible reading on "Gospel Railroad".

Thursday 12

Heavy Frost Clear Pleasant

Went to ranch to turn colt out. White hen came out with 3 chickens at barn. About Noon we all went in carriage to barbeque at picnic grounds. Had dinner there about 1 o'clock. There was a large attendance. The meat was fine and plenty of it. Speech by Rev. Mr. Darling. Music by Robinson's troupe. Then followed dancing and general social time. Came home about 4:30. After supper went to concert entertainment by Robinson Troupe.

Friday 13

Clear & ice Warm

Morning & evening very cold.

Rose's calf came back from ranch. D hen hatched 5 chicks. Went up to ranch on Fred and fixed fence in pasture between Easton, Watts & myself. P.M. Went again on Fred and got cow & calf out of Hadley's. Drove stray bull out on road. Drove 15 horses, including old Frank out of field into the pasture & 20 head of cattle & fixed up fence near the corral. Took bath before going to bed.

Saturday 14

Clear Frost

Warm in the day.

Got up at 8:30 a.m.

After breakfast wrote up my diary.

Laid corn beef out to cut.

Sunday 15

Clear Warm

Frost in morning. Hitched up to carriage before dinner. After dinner Annie, Sybil, Chester & I went to Walnut Creek to see carpenter Hammond. Came back, went to Grant's for a call and to Lib's. Dog bit Sybil in face. All went over to Mrs. Keel's in evening. Repacked & salted corn beef.

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Monday 16  
Cloudy Warm

Threatening rain. Annie & I & Sybil went to Oakland. Saw Baker. He paid \$3.00 for Auntie for apples. Promised me money Nov. 27. Friday for taxes. Engaged Pritchard to do shingling \$2.00 per day & board. Got 1/2 keg shingle nails, 2.30. Annie got Sybil coat & bonnet at Kahn's. Got home at 6 p.m. Derrickson, carpenter from came. Stayed all night. Began raining this evening. Geo. cleared barn.

Tuesday 17  
Rain Warm

Derrickson left for home as it was raining and could not go to work. Annie roasted last of fresh meat & made pumpkin pies. Millie came over & paid for milk. We made molasses candy in evening.

Wednesday 18  
Cloudy Warm

Clear in P.M. Unloaded wagon of shingles. Greased & fixed brake-blocks on hay wagon & put it in shed at barn.

Greased spring wagon. P.M. Left for Oakland in spring wagon. Changed coat and bonnet at Kahn's for Sybil. Went & got Bro. Pritchard. Got 10 bls of nails, .40, 10 sheets tin, .50. Went out by for Derrickson, but he did not come. Got home about 8.

Thursday 19  
Showery & Threatening Cool

Bro. Pritchard shingled kitchen part of roof. Mrs. Shreve sent note asking me to sing at Social at her house Saturday evening, Nov. 21. Selected song to sing Sunday in church. Annie was very sick all night. We did not get to sleep till 1 o'clock.

Friday 20  
Showery, foggy Cool

I got breakfast. Bro. Pritchard worked 1-1/2 hours in A.M. P.M. worked from 1 to 4:20 on house shingling. In P.M. helped Annie make layer cakes. In evening went with Stella to elocution class. Came back & practiced songs at Shreve's with Ada then went back and stayed at class till Stella got through.

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Saturday 21  
Foggy & misty Cool

Got up at nine.  
After breakfast tended to horses & cow. Manuel came and I paid him \$5.00 on baling. Children went to practice for school entertainment at school house. Began raining before 9 p.m.

Sunday 22  
Rainy Cool

Rained in A.M.  
P.M. Pritchard shingled on kitchen-room. Shaved, and Annie & I went to church. I sang solo, "Clinging and Resting".

Monday 23  
Rain all day Cool

Read "Miles Standish".  
Chronicle had account of an Air Ship. Millie called in P.M. and bought the Sunday Chronicle. Raining hard at bed time. I slept with Chester in Stella's room.

Tuesday 24  
Rainy Warm

Rained all night. Still raining this morning. Children did not go to school. P.M. Stella & Chester went to school. Pritchard shingled on roof. Sent Lloyd up to Mr. Hatch's with note on Pet. Went and engaged Carville to help on house.

Wednesday 25  
Clear Frost Cold

Pritchard & Carville worked on house raising roof over bedrooms. I helped the men.

Thursday 26  
Clear Cold  
Frost & ice.  
Pritchard & Carville worked on the house. I helped. Annie washed, I got the dinner. Had roast chicken. Sent dinner down to Auntie.

Friday 27  
Clear Cold  
Frost & ice. I got breakfast. Pritchard & Carville worked on house. Carville came at 8:30 a.m. I left for Oakland in buggy at 10:45 a.m. Got to Oak. at 1 p.m. Had dinner on 9th Street. Got shaved, went to bank. Got \$25.00 for Auntie, \$95.00 for me. Got Lloyd & Stella



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2 rabbits, 1.00.

Baker paid \$15.00 on hay. Got flour, sugar, etc. at Olson's \$2.90. Got home at 6 p.m. All went to school entertainment.

Saturday 28

Clear North wind Frost

Very cold. Pritchard left for home about 5 a.m. Made Lloyd a kite. Stella made a cake. Geo. took Annie down to Temescal in buggy with Pet & Nell. They left 11:15 a.m. Geo got home about 6 p.m. Millie & Winnie came over to spend the evening. Winnie went with Stella to her elocution class.

Sunday 29

Clear Cold

Frost & Ice. North wind. Put saddle brads on kitchen roof. Took down scaffolds. Put down carpets in my room & Lloyd's. Stella did the house work. The boys helped me outside.

Monday 30

Clear Cold

Lloyd & I went to Martinez to pay the taxes. Got sack potatoes, .60 cts. Got home about 2 p.m. Helped Stella clean house. Geo. got home with Annie & Miss Crowley about 6 p.m. In evening took tax receipt down to Auntie.

Tuesday December 1

Clear Cold. Frost

The boys & I went to after wood. P.M. Went back to ranch & got sled load from hill & brought wagon load down to house. Geo cleaned barn, 10 cts. Dore boy came over with note from Rutherford about cattle being in his orchard.

Wednesday 2

Clear Warmer

Went over to Wood Ranch. Chester went with me on Pet. Emile Dore fixed fence & drove 2 calves out of Rutherford's. Chester & I drove cattle all over this side & 10 horses over to Wood Ranch and shut the gate on ridge. Helped Emile put on load hay from horse barn. Annie, Stella & Miss Crowley went to prayer meeting.

Thursday 3

Clear Warm

Got up at 4 a.m. Got breakfast. Went in buggy with Jim & Nell to Oakland. Emile left at 6:10 a.m. with load hay. Took hay to White. I got gloves for Stella

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and lace ribbon & etc. Got chocolate-coconut  
Paid Pritchard \$12.00 for carpentering on house 6 days.  
Had dinner there. Got shaved. Got home about 7 p.m.

Friday 4  
Clear Warm

Got up at 4 a.m. Got breakfast. Emile left at 6:10  
again for Oak. with hay. Took load to Nash. Auntie &  
I went down in buggy with Jim & Nell. Auntie got shoes,  
underwear, flour, etc. Slu sold 3 doz. eggs, .35 diz.  
I saw Baker about bringing load hay Sunday. Got skirt  
for Stella. Changed gloves & lace & wagon boxings.  
Got back home at 5:30 p.m. Practiced songs. Annie,  
Stella & Miss Crowley went to elocution class at school.

Saturday 5  
Clear Frost Cold

Annie made cake & I made a cake for dime social. Stella  
& I got dinner. Had a roast & cranberries. I shaved.  
We all went to Mrs. Keel's social. Chester sang.  
Stella sang & I sang, "Down on the Farm": Miss Crowley  
went with us. Stella wore her new dress trimmed with  
green velvet. Chester broke out with the chicken pox.

Sunday 6  
Clear Frost & ice Cold

Miss Crowley worked until after noon on Stella's  
white dress & underskirt. I pinked silk for Annie's  
skirt. Killed chicken and Stella & I got dinner.  
Hitched up to carriage & took Miss Crowley to Temescal.  
Annie & children went with us. Chester stayed with  
Auntie. Got fans for Miss Crowley in Canyon. Paid  
Miss C. \$7.50 for swing. We got back home at 8 p.m.  
It was very cold.

Monday 7  
Clear Ice Cold

Pleasant after the sun came up. I got up at 4 a.m. Got  
breakfast for Emile. Washed dishes and cooked nearly  
all day. Emile got back about 3 p.m. from town. Took hay  
to Rhodes & Dobbie. Loaded my little barn. Auntie  
came up and Stella and I went with her to church to  
hear M.E. Elder Derby.

Saturday 12  
Drizzling & cloudy warmer

Got up at 7:30 a.m. Emile & Lloyd did the chores. After  
breakfast paid Emil \$7.00 dollars for 7 days hauling of  
hay to Oakland. Rainy all day. Read and sang. In  
evening went with Stella to elocution class.



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Sunday 13  
Partly cloudy warm

Paid Manuel 5 dollars bal. due for baling hay.  
Shaved. Got dinner and Annie, Lloyd, Chester & I went to church. After church all went to Millies for a call. Bill Chiddy called there also. In evening learned Lloyd and Chester a song, "Bring them In". Rained in night.

Monday 14  
Threatening Warm

High south wind. Jennie Bickerstaff called asking me to sing at Bazaar at W.C. for Presbyterian church the 18th.

Annie washed. Stella and I helped and got dinner. Tried to fly Lloyd's kite. Paid Thomson \$30.00 on bill. This evening the wind has gone down some and it is raining.

Tuesday 15  
Cloudy & threatening Cool

Rained most of the night. Got up at 7 a.m. Lloyd & I did the chores & Mamma & Stella got breakfast. Helped Annie finish the washing. Stell & I got dinner. Boys nailed pickets on fence. Auntie came up for a while. After supper Stella & I went up to Jennie Bickerstaff's to practice songs. Showered occasionally during day. Very foggy tonight.

Wednesday 16  
Foggy & cloudy all day Warm

Jennie came in to practice songs. Auntie came up with her 2-1/2 doz eggs to send to town. Went to prayer meeting.

Thursday 17  
Partly clear Cool

Got up at 5 a.m. Annie & I went to Oakland in buggy. Got some toys & gloves & for Annie. Handkerchiefs, slippers. Stella kept the children. Collected hay for last load of hay of Rhodes & Dobbie. We got home about 9 p.m. Annie was quite sick all night.

Friday 18  
Clear Warm

Got up late. Stella got breakfast. I got horses & carriage ready to go to Walnut Creek. Stella and I went in buggy to school exercises at W.C. in P.M. Got 15 lbs beans, .25, salt, .25 & starch, .25 at Geary's. Annie & I went in evening in carriage to W.C. to Presbyterian Church Bazaar. I sang "Ramona". Annie wore her new black silk. Got home about 12 Midnight.



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Saturday 19

Foggy in morning Cool

Left for Oakland in carriage with all the children & Annie about 11:20 a.m. Had lunch on Washington St. Went to drugstore & got some things. Left for home at about 4:50. Got home 7:20 p.m. Took Stella right over to class. Annie and children went over to Salvation Army meeting. I put out team then went over to church. Two Salvation Army men came home with us & stayed all night.

Sunday 20

Clear Cold

Land fog in morning. Salvationists got up early and got their breakfast and went on to Oakland. Auntie came up in A.M. I went down & got the papers. P.M. Went to church. Auntie went also. Got ready to go to town next day. Lloyd & Sybil quite feverish from chicken pox.

Monday 21

Clear Cold

Ice & frost. Foggy in morning. Left for Oakland in buggy. Annie & I, about 9:30 a.m. Went over to City-S.F. Got boys Magic Lanterns, Chester tool chest at Emporium. Got Stella a pin, and Annie one. Got a pineapple, .15. Got some fun things in Oakland---a tree, and left for home about 9 p.m. Got home 11:45.

Tuesday 22

Clear Cold

Did not get up until 9 a.m. Chester & I rode over the pasture to look for red berries. Did not find any. After dinner helped Auntie weigh a turkey for Burtons. Lee came to put on load about 4:30. I tended to the horses & greased spring wagon. After supper helped Auntie catch & weigh the turkeys. Looked over our presents & made out list for next day in town.

Wednesday 23

Cloudy &amp; rain Cool

Got up at 5 a.m. Geo. helped get horses ready. Had breakfast at 6:20. Lee left with load hay about 7 a.m.

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Auntie, George, Annie & I left for Oakland in spring wagon about 8 o'clock. Took 3 turkeys for Auntie. Sold them for 14 cts per lb. to Fulton market & 1 to Jack. I got on car and met Lee at 39th St. Sold load hay to Osgood \$8.50 ton. Engaged load to White for next day. I went to city on the 12:30 train. Got tongs and shovel for Auntie & bracelet. Came back to Jack's and stayed all night.

Thursday 24  
Clear Cold

Got up at 8 a.m. Jack picked & cleaned the turkey. Jack & I took car up town. Got transfer to Telegraph Ave. car. Met Annie at Temescal. Rode back with her in buggy. Went to Jack's for lunch. P.M. We went up town & got Lloyd a watch & chain and some other things. Left for home at 3 p.m. Got home at 5:45. After supper and children had gone to bed, we trimmed the tree & filled the stockings.

Friday 25  
Foggy Cold

Very foggy all day Christmas. Annie, George & Bill Chiddy were here to dinner. Auntie gave us a turkey for Christmas. We had a nice dinner about 3 p.m. Lloyd & I went to Walnut Creek for a package at Office & there was one for us. Millie, Winnie, Auntie & Bill were over in the evening to the boys' Magic Lantern Show. We lighted the tree & had lemonade and cake & candy.

Saturday 26  
Rainy Warmer

Showery all day. Did not get up till after nine o'clock. Annie & I went up to Mrs. Bickerstaff's in P.M. to get a song from Jennie. After dinner I went down & got the mail and left a song with Mrs. Shreve for Ada to practice. In evening sang songs & played games. Mrs. Wilson did not have her elocution class this evening as it is raining quite hard.

Sunday 27  
Cloudy Cold

Shaved, dressed & went to Shreve's to practice song for church. P.M. Annie & children and I went to church. Lloyd & Chester sang "Bring Them In" & I sang the "Angel's Song" after the Christmas sermon by Bro. Darling. Raining during the night & wind blowing hard.

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Monday 28  
Raining Cold

Got up late. Emptied meat barrel & put under the eaves for rain water. Returned song & borrowed back of Mrs. Bickerstaff.

Tuesday 29  
Cloudy Cold

Got up about 7:30. Annie, Chester & I went to Oakland in buggy. Left home at 12 noon after lunch. Got home at 7:15 p.m. Left spray gun to be fixed. Annie left her hat to be trimmed over. Got groceries - sugar 1.00, oatmeal, .25, soap .10, etc. Drove Jim & Fred. Eugene Frisbie traded with Mr. Norton for half his ranch.

Wednesday 30  
Showery Warm

Got up about 9 o'clock. Clear, cloudy, showers, thunder-storm. Annie, Sybil & I left for Oakland in buggy with Nell & Blaze, 12:45. Got to Oakland about 3 p.m. Traded George's watch for nickle watch, Waltham movement. Left Lloyd's watch to be regulated. Annie changed her order for trimming old hat and ordered trimmings put on a new frame. Rained on us coming home. Got home about 8 p.m. Rained all night.

Thursday 31  
Showery Cold

Got up 7 a.m. After breakfast went up to Bickerstaff's & got a couple of songs. Got Jim & Nell shod all round. After dinner Annie & I went to Walnut Creek. Got Auntie white-wash brush, .50. Got steak & chops. Called on Mr. & Mrs. Darling. Got home about 6 p.m. Had supper at 7 p.m. Annie, Stella & I sat up till midnight and saw the new year. Fired the pistol & blew the horns.



MEMORANDA  
in  
1896 Diary  
of  
Henry Toler Brown

Hescal's Tittar Ointment

Sat. Oct. 24,	Paid Mrs. Wilson for Elocution Lessons	1.00
Book		1.25
Nov. 20	Paid on Lessons	1.00
Jan. 2	" " "	1.00

Stella began taking Elocution Lessons of Mrs. May Wilson.

Sat. Oct. 24	-	1st Lesson
Friday " 30	-	2nd "
" Nov. 6	-	3rd "
Saturday " 14	-	4th "
Friday " 20	-	5th "
Saturday " 28	-	6th "
Friday Dec. 4	-	7th "
Sat. " 12	-	8th "
" " 19	-	9th "
" Jan 2	-	10th "

Exhaust the lungs, fill, out with slight sound  
like a sea shell.

Exhaust, fill, exhaust with sound of 'Aha' - C natural.

Exhaust, fill, exhaust with slight whittery sound.

Step forward & back.

Tenor Solo - "Love's Serenade"

W.W. Finnie, sung at the McDonough in Olympic's Entertainment.

Acc't with C.W. George  
1896

April 8	2 rolls butter .30 each	.60
" "		2.00
" "	Carriage paint	.60
" "	Top Dressing	.25
" 14	2 rolls butter .30 per roll	.60
" "		.35
" 15	Pair for Lloyd	1.50
" 17	2 sk flour 1.00 sugar 1.00	3.00
" "	Roll butter	.30
" 21	" "	.30
" 27	2 rolls butter	.60
" "	Sugar 1.00 Nails .25	1.25
" "	Paint .60 + .40 hinges .40	1.40

# Memoranda (Con't)

			lbs				
Aug							
18	18	Bales Oat hay	4080	\$6.50	White	Check	\$13.30
21	18	" " "	4190	6.50	Nash	Check	13.60
24	18	" " "	4230	7.00	Osgood	Check	14.80
27	17	" Old hay	4055	6.00	Gates	Paid	12.15
28	17	" 7 Oats 10 Whe	3820	6.60			
				8.00	Nash	Check	14.60
Sept							
7	17	" Oat Hay	4090	7.50	Baker	Paid	15.33
8	19	" Wheat hay	4245	8.00	Nash	Check	16.98
10	19	" " "	4020	8.00	Rhodes & Dobbie		
						Paid	16.08
11	19	" " "	4010	8.00	"	Paid	16.04
14	18	" Oat hay	4090	6.50	White	check	13.29-1/4
15	17	" " "	3850	6.50	Nash	check	10.59
16	19	" Wheat hay	4040	8.00	White	check	16.16
17	19	" " "	2960	8.00	Rhodes & Dobbie		
						Paid	15.84
25	20	" Wheat partly damaged					
			4350	8.00	White	Check	15.00
28	18	" Wheat hay	3770	8.00	Nash	Check	15.10
30	18	" " "	3800	8.00	White	"	15.20
Oct.							
1	20	" " "	4170	8.00	Rhodes	Paid	16.68
7	21	" " "	4330	8.00	White	Check	17.30
8	19	" Oat Hay	4070	6.50	Nash	Check	12.00
9	19	" " "	4070	6.50	White	Check	13.25
13	21	" Wheat "	4230	8.00	White	Check	16.90
15	20	" " "	4010	8.00	Nash	"	16.05
16	21	" " "	4150	8.00	White	"	16.60
19	20	" Oat "	4360	6.50	Nash	"	14.15
21	20	" " "	4350	6.50	White	"	14.15
30	18	" Wheat "	3720	8.00	"	"	14.88
Nov.							
5	17	" " "	3500	8.00	Rhodes	"	14.00
6	20	" " "	4000	9.00	Humboldt L. Co.		
						14,000 shingles	
							18.00
Dec.							
3	18	" " "	3580	8.00	White	Check	14.30
4	18	" " "	3800	8.00	Nash	"	15.20
7	18	" " "	3740	8.00	Rhodes	"	14.96
8	18	" " "	3770	8.00	White	"	15.08
9	18	" " "	3770	8.00	Rhodes	"	15.08
10	18	" " "	3770	9.00	White	Cash	16.97
11	18	" " "	3870	8.00	Rhodes	Paid	15.48
23	17	" " "	3560	8.50	Osgood	Check	15.40



Memoranda (Con't)

April 28	2 Paint	.60	1.20
May 2	Roll butter		.30
" "	Nails		.10
" 4	Broom		.50
" "	Barley		.75
" 17	Barley		.75
" "	?		.50
" "	Hat, .35 ?	.50	.80
" "	Soap, Toilet P		.25
			<u>17.90</u>
June 12	Sk flour, sk Bran.		

Walnut Creek Creamery	
1896	17.90
	15.60
	<u>2.30</u>

July 14	Bale Rope	13.05
	3 coils	12.54
July 17	3 coils	3.09
	Barbed wire	.25
	Staples	.50
	Axle Grease	
Sept 7	Got 9 coils rope of Maxwell	49.3lbs
	at 6-1/4 cts	30.80

		Bales
July 17	Stack on hill	247
18	" in flat	97
18	Wheat stack near gate	81
Sept 9	" " front field	212
" "	" " near orchard	52
11	" " by hollow	163
12	" " at Lee's	337
		<u>1189</u>

Hay Sold Crop of 1896

			lbs			
July 23	8 bales - Oat hay	1850	\$8.00	Osgood	Cash	\$ 7.00
Aug 3	16 " " "	3680	\$7.00	"	Check	26.35
4	17 " " "	3850	"	"	"	13.00
5	18 " " "	4050	6.50	Nash	Paid	15.80
6	18 " Wheat	3950	8.00	Rhodes	Paid	15.70
7	18 " Oat hay	4190	7.50	Gates	Check	16.00
10	18 " Wheat	3990	8.00	White	Paid	15.84
11	18 " "	3960	8.00	Rhodes	Check	16.00
13	18 " "	4000	8.00	White	Cash	14.25
14	18 " Oat hay	4080	7.00	Freidberg	Check	13.30
17	18 " " "	4100	6.50	White		



# Memoranda (Con't)

## Milk to Creamery

	lbs.
April	
1 Wed	67
2 Thu	63
3 Fri	113
4 Sat.	140
5 Sun.	130
6 Mon	160
7 Tue	139
8 Wed	145
9 Thu	140
10 Fri	139
11 Sat	142
12 Sun	143
13 Mon	151
14 Tue	152
15 Wed	150
16 Thu	138
17 Fri	148
18 Sat	143
19 Sun	160
20 Mon	150
21 Tue	144
22 Wed	117
23 Thur	165
24 Fri	142
25 Sat	121
26 Sun	158
	<hr/> 3560
27 Mon	156
28 Tues	146
29 Wed	162
30 Thur	162
May	
1 Fri	95
2 Sat	153
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At the end of this accounting which went through June 15  
Mr. Brown did some figuring that came out to \$70.01  
for the Milk Account.